

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The above meeting was held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7-30pm  
in Pillerton Priors Village Hall  
All residents were personally invited.

**Present:** M Stanton – Chair    B Plummer – Clerk    J & J Roberts    I Greenall  
M Cater    S Radford    R & M Smyth    R Brown  
D Bird    C Johnson    H Marshall    P Waters  
K Allen    R Thompson    P Titchmarsh    S Treadwell  
Councillor G Roache (SDC)    Councillor I Seccombe (WCC) – 8pm

**Speaker:** Emma Clarke

## 1. Welcome & introduction by the Chairman of the Parish Council

M Stanton welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that it is a statutory requirement to hold this annual meeting and a Parish Meeting had taken place in this village since the 1800's – see the old record book. He recorded a special thanks to our Councillors – G Roache (SDC) & I Seccombe (WCC) for their continued support. He introduced the speakers for the evening. There would be a slight change to the order on the agenda.

**2. Apologies** Mr & Mrs Ingall    A Brooks    S Stanton    M Fox

## 3. Update on the Parish Paths Partnership by Peter Titchmarsh

Mr Peter Titchmarsh has been the Pillerton Priors representative in this scheme for a number of years. WCC are currently reviewing their services and budget but over the years monies received have helped to upgrade and maintain footpaths, replace gates etc. which has seen a great improvement. Peter is willing to carry on in his role at present but emphasised the need for more volunteers and also young people to get involved. He will always offer advice and recommended OS Maps 205 & 206 as being invaluable.

M Stanton thanked Mr Titchmarsh for the many years he has been the caretaker of our footpaths. The need for more volunteers will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting and a request placed in the Parish Magazine. Peter was unable to stay for the rest of the meeting

## 4. Presentation by a member of the Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership

Emma Clarke explained her role in the Warwickshire County Council Climate change team. They are trying to develop an action plan to be implemented in Warwickshire – to date there are 82 actions under consideration. Anyone can become involved in this partnership to try to effect a carbon reduction – e.g. councils, schools, businesses, community groups and individuals and encouragement given to discuss ideas & actions. For information the results of a Climate Change Risk Matrix Discussion were circulated. Examples were given of initiatives taken in various local areas to help WCC reach their reduction target by 2010/2011 – The One Tonne Challenge. Further information can be obtained on websites, newsletters, conferences etc. Leaflets and low energy light bulbs were distributed.

Following a few questions the Chairman thanked Emma for her informative talk which was well-received.

## 5. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> April 2008 – copies were circulated.

The Minutes of the above meeting were agreed by all as a true record and signed by M Stanton

## **6. Matters Arising**

- Debris in Chapel Lane – has been removed
- Signs are now in place in Walton Lane re ‘Toads Crossing’
- No action has been taken re suggested kerbing around Village Green
- The dead trees in Walton Lane have been replaced with 3 new trees in the Village Hall grounds.
- Update re proposed ECO town – Councillor Seccombe stated that there had been a judicial review in January but Middle Quinton was still one of the 10 sites still under consideration. The 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation ends in June. The viability of the project is still being questioned. More information can be obtained from websites.
- Update re Fosse junction/crossroads – Councillor Seccombe informed the meeting that this project is still awaiting finance.

## **7. Parish Council Chairman’s Annual Report**

New Churchyard gates have been installed – this was a joint initiative between PCC, FOSM and the Parish Council aided by £1000 grant from The Public Realm Grant organisation.

A new Parish Council notice board is currently being made – a grant of £500 having been awarded by WCC’s Parish Council Communications Grant Scheme.

After many years the hedge that was illegally removed in Walton Lane has been replaced.

The situation with Severn Trent and overflowing drains is being monitored following CCTV exploration of the pipes, pressure jetting and maintenance. A routine cleansing programme will now be carried out annually.

## **8. Parish Council Treasurer’s Annual Report**

J Roberts – Treasurer for the Parish Council – circulated and explained the financial reports. The precept for 2009/2010 is £2027 Following a question from a parishioner he explained that the rise in precept this year has followed a reduction last year when reserve money was used.

## **9. Annual Reports by Village Organisations**

### **• Badminton Club**

M Cater said it had been a slow year for the Club. Several weeks had been cancelled during hall refurbishment and also at times due to lack of numbers. New members were always welcomed – the Badminton is good fun and not too serious. The club meets on Tuesdays at 8-15pm

### **• Village Hall**

R Thompson – Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee said it had been a good year for the hall – bookings were up by 15% and income up by 25%. More chairs had been replaced, the John Findon room refurbished with a new insulated ceiling, new lights and new floor covering – aided by a grant. This work was mainly done by voluntary labour. The improvements continued with insulating and decorating the store room. The next project is to replace the roof covering on the flat roofed area for which a grant will be required.

### **49 Club**

The 49 Club was set up in May 2001 to raise funds towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall. During this time over £8500 has been raised. The Club is currently fully subscribed but always willing to add names to a waiting list as numbers do become available from time to time.

## **Rural Cinema**

The Cinema commenced in November 2007 as a new fund-raising initiative for the Hall. The audience numbers have varied from zero to 60+. To date the project has raised over £800 for Hall funds but needs ongoing support to continue. Next film this Sunday at 4pm.

Mr Thompson thanked everyone who continues to support the Hall.

- **Drop in Club**

The report submitted by H Smith (organiser) The Drop in Club is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year. Currently there are 22 members. During the last year there has been a quiz, a pudding afternoon and a fish and chip lunch. Future meetings include a sing a long and talks about cars and crafts and a talk about the work of the Air Ambulance Service. The flower show this year has moved to August instead of October. New members are always welcome – see Hazel Smith for meeting times.

- **Women's Institute**

K Allen (President) said the Pillertons WI is now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year and has a small but loyal support of some 14members who meet 10 times a year in the Village Hall. The group wishes to be part of the village social calendar and an instrument of cohesiveness rather than an exclusive group. We are keen to welcome new members of either sex or also occasional visitors if one of the speakers engages their interest. Recent speakers have included a wildlife photographer, and a talk about a 4 month narrow boat journey. Two groups of elderly people are entertained to afternoon tea by the WI twice yearly – this helps boost the WI's meagre funds and provide an enjoyable outing.

- **Friends of St Marys**

The Friends have had a fairly quiet year with Church Teas, Harvest Supper and Quiz Night on the events calendar. They have been pleased to contribute to the new gates at Priors Churchyard and money is available to contribute towards the loos and kitchen unit in the Church.

The AGM is 11th May in the village hall and support is sought as we have committee members standing down.

We are planning a 'Strawberry Fayre' at the Wainwrights on the 4th July.

As always the Friends are grateful to Priors Hall for waiving the fees for the Harvest Supper.

**M Stanton thanked all the organisations for their reports.**

## **10. Launch of Parish Council Website**

S Radford (PC) said that although the PC Website had been up and running for a while as various additions were made this was now the Official Launch. A leaflet was distributed giving details of the content of the website. Parishioners were urged to use it and to make any comments to the Parish Council as this website is intended to be a community service. Further leaflets will be circulated in the next Parish Magazine.

## **11. Open Forum**

A letter received from Mike Fox asked about flooding in Kineton Road following heavy rain and resulting in ice across the road. Passed to the PC for action. He also questioned the anomaly of speed limits in Kineton Road – Passed to PC for action.

Bus Service questionnaire - the meeting was asked for comments on the bus services.

The meeting's attention brought to a circular from SDC re dog fouling in public places.

The sign board in the Churchyard is in need of maintenance passed to PC for action.

R Smyth asked if there were any restriction re bonfires – refer to PC for information.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm and thanked everyone for coming this evening particularly as the weather was very unpleasant.

**Chairman**

**M Stanton**

**Clerk**

**B Plummer**