

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The above meeting was held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7-30pm  
in Pillerton Priors Village Hall  
All residents were invited to attend.

<b>Parishioners</b>	M Stanton (Chair)	B Plummer (Clerk)	P Ogden-Jones	S Stanton
<b>Present:</b>	H Smith	R & M Smyth	H Dumas	E Wainwright
	R Brown	J & J Roberts	S Treadwell	C Rollason
	S Belcher	S Radford	M Cater	R Thompson
	J Ingall	S Ison	P Waters	J Carter
	J Odell	P Byrom	I Greenall	A Burton
	R & N Dick	D Foxall	J Gardner	P Blacklock
<b>Guests:</b>	B Heron (IT Dept SDC)		D Allen (Community First Responder)	
<b>Also present:</b>	Councillor I Seccombe		T Newcombe	A Brooks

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

M Stanton (Chairman to the PC) welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Parish Meeting is a statutory requirement and has been held in this village for the last 120 years. Thanks were extended to Councillors G Roache (SDC) and I Seccombe (WCC) for their continued support both to the Parish Council and the community.

## 2. Apologies H Jones E Kingdon J Waters Councillor G Roache

## 3. Presentation by member IT Dept SDC re new Digital TV Channel

Balvinder Heron from SDC IT Department explained that the Stratford on Avon Digital TV Channel was launched on March 12<sup>th</sup> this year initially at a low level but more services would be introduced at later dates. Not everyone can receive this service at the present time – the IT dept can offer help and advice on this. Information will be available on leisure, transport, bus timetables and hospital appointments etc and over the next 6 months it is hoped that an interactive service will be available which will allow participation in meetings while viewing from home. We will be able to track planning applications and use property services.

Questions answered:

1. There will be no charge on the council tax bills. The scheme will be financed by a one off capital payment programme.
2. Total set up cost is £12,000
3. Local services will be accessed by an interactive button on the TV
4. A training programme will be available and also help can be given to the elderly, to groups and on a one to one basis.

**The Chairman thanked Balvinder for a very informative presentation.**

## 4. Presentation by a member of First Responder Scheme

Derrick Allen is a member of the First Responder Scheme. This scheme is an additional community service and does not replace or dilute the ambulance service. Responders are volunteers who are trained to a national standard by the West Midlands Ambulance Service who also supply oxygen and other essential supplies. The kit carried by the First Responders includes an essential defibrillator machine and oxygen cylinder. All this kit together with the distinctive uniform and identity cards has to be provided by fund raising and voluntary contributions and costs approx £1100 to equip each person. The aim is to fill the time gap between a 999 call being received by the ambulance service and their arrival on the scene. The First Responders cover a 3 mile radius of their homes and aim to attend in a few minutes. The availability and use of this kit could possibly help to prevent 85% of sudden deaths. The team do not carry drugs at present and can not always be available but their aim is to reduce unnecessary deaths. Derrick answered several questions from parishioners.

**The Chairman thanked Derrick for a very informative presentation.**

## **APM Continued:**

5. **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009** – copies were circulated  
The Minutes of the above meeting were agreed by all as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## **6. Matters Arising**

- **Parish Website** – Following the launch last year more people are now using the site for information on planning applications, booking the Village Hall and general information about the village. Ian Greenall (PC) said that the website was updated when possible but to let him know if there is anything you wish to be included. There were on average 100 visits per month.
- **Flooding in Kineton Rd** – WCC are cleaning & jetting the storm drains annually & the situation is being monitored. There have been no further incidences of flooding to date.
- **Question re bonfires** – there are no restrictions unless they become a public nuisance – further information is available on SDC's website

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

M Stanton said there had been several successful planning applications over the last year – but two had recently been refused for Dickensbury Farm.

It was found to be difficult to obtain information from Severn Trent but there had been no flooding issues at the Village Hall over the last 12 months.

The proposed new roundabout at the Fosse crossroads is still in abeyance and not as yet included in the budget.

Regarding grass cutting in the village there have been no reported problems with the new contractors – let the PC know if there are any concerns.

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

Jon Roberts circulated and explained the financial reports. During the year the NB had been replaced, with the aid of a grant, a donation given to the First Responder Scheme and the investment account closed.

Suggestions were received for the unused flood grant monies. The increase in the precept this year was to cover potentially expensive Parish Council election charges (a general election and SDC elections are also to be held) As this money will not now be needed it is hoped to reduce the precept next year.

**The Chairman thanked Jon for his report. The meeting agreed the accounts.**

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

### **• Village Hall**

R Thompson (Chairman to the Village Hall Management Committee) said there had been a slight rise in income this year through lets and fund raising. The 49 Club was fully subscribed and names can be added to a waiting list. A Summer BBQ, Annual Car Treasure Hunt, Winter Whist Evenings and a Musical Event will be held this year and other ideas are welcomed. At present the committee is updating the Trustee status. The WI has now disbanded and the Badminton Club hopes to restart in September.

The new addition to the sewer in Kineton Rd is causing concern and Severn Trent is being contacted.

The Cinema event had been discontinued – thanks extended to all who support us in our efforts to keep the Hall in good order. Once again we have been presented with a Gold Hygiene certificate for the kitchen. A grant is being sourced to replace the roof coverings on the flat roofs over the Findon room, toilets, and kitchen and store room. All the chairs have now been replaced. Mr Thompson encouraged the parishioners to use and enjoy their hall.

- **Drop in Club**

B Plummer gave a report on behalf of H Smith (organiser of the Drop in Club) The Club is now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year and has around 20 members. Meetings are held once a month on Monday afternoons – see NB or contact organisers for details. Meetings are informal – a cup of tea and a chat – and also outings, quizzes lunches and occasional speakers. New members are always welcome.

- **FOSM**

Alan Brooks (Chairman FOSM) said that this is a joint organisation covering both villages. The income from last year amounted to some £1800 from events including the Harvest Supper, a Quiz, Church Teas and a Hogberry Fair. The Friends have offered £6000 towards the new Kitchenette at the Church this year.

**The Chairman thanked all the representatives from the organisations for their reports.**

## **10. Open Forum**

- RT asked if the money from the flood fund could be used to repair the drains in Kiblers Lane. Councillor Seecombe said WCC now had money that could be used.
- Regarding the new sewer connection in Kineton Rd – enquiries are being made and the situation monitored.  
Flooding last year at Pillerton Hersey had included raw sewage.
- The Environmental Health Officer has recently been contacted by many parishioners regarding the obnoxious smells from a local farm. He has told the Chairman that next year new legislation will be in force which will reduce the smell by 80-90%. The Environmental Health Officer, SDC and WCC are also monitoring other concerns expressed by Parishioners related to farm activities in the village.
- Other Planning matters discussed to be passed to the Parish Council.

Any matters discussed at this meeting requiring action will be passed to the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

**Meeting closed at 9-10pm**

**Chairman**

**M Stanton**

**Clerk**

**B Plummer**