

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING for PILLERTON PRIORS

The above meeting was held on Thursday 19 April 2012 at 7-30pm
in the Village Hall

All residents were invited to attend.

Parishioners present: M Cater (Chair) B Plummer (Clerk) M & S Stanton J Pountney
R Brown M Fox H Smith C Johnson
D Thompson D & M Statham P & M Blacklock P Beesley
M & E Swain J & J Roberts S Faulkner-Gant G Evans
R Smyth M & J Carter I & S Greenall S Radford

Councillors: I Seccombe (WCC) G Roache (SDC) 8pm

Guest Speaker: M Sullivan CPRE 8pm
D Allen (First Responder Team) 9pm

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

M Cater welcomed all the parishioners and also Councillor I Seccombe to this Annual meeting of the Parish. It was explained that the guest speaker would be arriving at approximately 8pm and at that time there would be a break for refreshments. Before this time we would continue with the other items on the agenda

2. Apologies J & S Ingall H Williams (FOSM)

4. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting for Pillerton Priors held on 19 April 2011

The minutes were agreed by those present to be a true record and signed by the current Chair M Cater and also last year's Chair M Stanton

5. Matters Arising

There were no items for discussion

6. Priors Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

M Cater stated that there had been both highs and lows over the past 12 months for the Parish Council and the work had been at times hectic. Everyone was pleased with the outcome of the Public Inquiry for the planning at Dickensbury Farm which had taken place over 3 days last September. Now there was a new application for change of use for Dickensbury Farm with minor adjustments from the previous application. This will be put before WCC Regulatory Committee in May. Details will be available nearer the time and all parishioners may attend.

It is important to continue to complete the Odour Forms if you are affected by odours from this farm. There will be a hearing in June re the Abatement Notice that has been served re the odour.

A resident had suggested the introduction of some sort of planting scheme on the triangle at the junction of Kineton Rd/Banbury Road. Anyone interested in helping with this please contact the Parish Clerk.

There had been instances of dog fouling and the depositing of associated litter around the village. Residents were reminded that it is a criminal offence to allow dog fouling on the public highway – this also includes the public footpaths.

A working party is needed to tidy up Chapel Lane grass verges. Anyone interested in helping please contact the Parish Clerk.

There is now a new editor for the Parish magazine. Fiona Young will produce the newsletter every 2 months. Thanks were extended to the retiring editor Peter Titchmarsh.

7. Pillerton Priors Parish Council Treasurer's Annual Report

J Roberts circulated and explained his financial report. There had been additional expenses last year which created a deficit. This meant a slight rise in the Precept this year in order to have emergency funds available for the coming year.

8. Annual Reports by Village Organisations

Village Hall

R Thompson – Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee - presented the report. 'I would like to give an update on the last 15 months of frustration. Initially it was all doom and gloom. You will agree that we have managed to bring back the hall into a fine Village Hall once again following the fire. The Committee and villagers have all helped and worked well to achieve this.

Our financial situation is sound with money in the bank.

Lettings are at quite a good level and the hall is being used well.

Our next project under consideration is solar PV installation. At the AGM in May we are having a question and hopefully answer session with an expert. All are welcome.

On Monday 4 June in the afternoon we are holding a BBQ in the hall grounds. There will be children's games & fancy dress etc. Keep this date free.

I look forward to seeing you at our AGM on Monday 21 May 2012 at 7-30pm'

Badminton Club

M Cater said it was struggle to keep the club operating. Currently there were only 2 local members with 3 or 4 travelling from outside the village. Any interested persons please join us on Tuesday evenings. The aim is for fun and exercise and is not too serious. Details from M Cater

Drop in Club

H Smith gave the annual report. Currently there are between 13 and 17 people who attend but more members would be welcome. Several members enjoyed a Fish and Chip lunch recently and in August there will be a Birthday tea to celebrate the 14th year. The annual show this year will follow a different format – details at a later date. The Christmas meal provided by Julia Gardner was a great success last year and will hopefully be repeated again this year.

Please join us at 2-30pm on the 4th Monday in the month.

FOSM

The current Chairman of the Friends of St Mary's – Huw Williams - was unable to attend but sent the following report.

August saw the return of the regular Sunday Teas in St Mary's which despite only four Sundays in the month this year and some inclement weather we still managed a profit in excess of £700. The Harvest Festival followed in October staged in St Mary's also returned a profit in excess of £700. In March we saw the return of the popular Quiz Night and achieved a profit in the region of £400. As regards outgoings the Friends made a contribution of £3,000 to the PCC as the final stage payment for the church toilet block.

3. Following a break for refreshments M Cater introduced the guest speaker.

Mark Sullivan Technical Secretary from CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) whose expertise includes Town Planning and Planning Applications.

Mark will give a short presentation outlining the work of the CPRE

Presentation.

Mark explained there had been an advance in Planning Policy. The CPRE was founded as a National body in 1926. The Warwickshire branch began in 1960 and is funded by charitable donations. The main purpose was initially to deal with pollution and urban sprawl.

Farming in the countryside is dependent on changes and costs etc .and there is little control on farm buildings. The 1947 Agricultural Act was to protect and subsidise agriculture and is outside planning control. The construction of farm dwellings is subjected to a financial and functional test. There is no change in the new legislation regarding agriculture.

The National Planning & Policy Framework introduced in the 1968 Act Structure Plans and in the 1980's there was a tightening up of the planning system. In 2001 there was a fundamental change in planning and in 2004 the Planning & Compulsory Act was introduced.

Since last year there have been discussions about freeing up the planning system. The CPRE have some problems with the final statement on this consultation. The government is promoting economic growth.

Sustainable development was discussed and how creating jobs could help economic development. The new local plan involves housing issues. An assessment will be carried out to assess the need and local villages have been identified for new housing development.

The council's policy on waste has not changed.

Mark answered questions and gave helpful advice when discussing local planning issues. The Chair thanked Mark for his informative presentation.

9. Open Forum

A parishioner expressed concerns about the speeding cars on Kineton Road. He has been in touch with the local police and action is more likely if the majority of residents support this. He has been told that local residents can be trained to use a speed gun and if enough residents are interested a rota can be introduced to cover specific hours. More information will be obtained. Councillor Seccombe suggested attending the next Community Forum and asking the police for an assessment of traffic speeds.

Presentation by Community First Responder.

Derrick Allen arrived during the latter stage of the meeting. He said that the number of responders now trained had increased and also the number of callouts that they had attended over the last 12months had risen significantly. The local scheme now had a vehicle for use by the responders. In total 8 schemes now have cars. The continued support of the local communities had made this possible and he expressed his thanks to all.

- 10.** The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held in 12months time
Parishioners are welcome to attend the Pillerton Priors Annual Parish Council Meeting on
Thursday 17 May 2012 at 7-30pm in the Village Hall

M Cater thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 9-45pm

Chair – M Cater

Minutes – B Plummer