

Minutes of the Annual General meeting of the PC held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st May, 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present were Nicky Brooks, Eileen Mawle, Mark Walker, Alan Wilson and Martin Wilson plus Dan Levy and Carl Rylett (WODC) Ken Brooks, Clerk in waiting, and one member of the public.

Declarations of Interest: Declarations of interest were made by Alan Wilson and Mark Walker as landowners in the Parish.

Nick Kelaher was welcomed as a new councillor and signed the Declaration of Office and Register of Members Interests.

Graham Soame has expressed an interest in joining upon the resignation of Alan Wilson. Eileen Mawle proposed and Nick Kelaher seconded that he be co-opted assuming he remains willing after next Tuesday when Alan Wilson leaves.

The minutes for the April meeting were signed as being a true record of proceedings.

MATTERS ARISING

Bus Shelter. Now in situ although the panels have not yet been filled in with sheet metal. A vote of thanks was expressed to Mark for fetching and erecting the shelter.

Drainage at High Cogges. email from OCC asking for the ditch to be deeper. Response is they should send their letter as promised and Mark Walker will have a digger standing by.

OCC had said they would put a camera into the drains in the level crossing area; will chase as we have heard nothing.

Letter Box. The Postal Review Panel has agreed to our request to change the afternoon collection to the larger box in Station Road. Unfortunately they intend closing the one in the wall of the Old Post Office although they say this decision has nothing to do with our request.

Village Green. There have been comments about the entrance to the field off the green where a hard surface has been laid whilst building work was completed at Bantam Lodge. Unfortunately this was not clean hardcore. Eileen Mawle assured the meeting that the builders have promised to remove it this week.

The suggestion was made that a group, (sub committee of PC?) might be formed to look after the south side of the Village Green. Discussion followed as to what can or cannot be done on such an area and Ken Brooks said he will circulate all councillors with the legal position. Martin Wilson said there was no point in reinstating the bank where it has been eroded as it will never be as strong as the original. He wondered if a kerb could be laid and the bank made to slope more gently so that grass could be sown through a rigid mat. The appearance would be of grass but on which cars could occasionally be parked.

The clerk then said that the Village Hall Committee was looking into the idea of extending the hall car park to a line from the back of the hall building to the hedge. This will only allow an extra 5 or 6 cars but they are investigating and will let the PC know their findings.

A cheque was drawn for £387.98 for PC insurance.

The council approved the Annual Governance Statement and the Accountability Return.

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- A pile of stones has been put in Moor Lane, Buckingham and Savills as agents for Eynsham Park to be asked if they know anything about it.
- The hedging around the hall will need pruning this year; Andy Tayler was recommended and will be asked for a quote.
- The rubbish bins at the pub sometimes spill out onto the road near the notice board. Pub to be requested to keep them tidy.
- A large pot hole has appeared near where the pub bins are parked. OCC to be informed.