

CHEDDON FITZPAINE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON 30 March 2017
AT 7.00 pm
MEMORIAL HALL, CHEDDON FITZPAINE

Cllr D Webber, Chairman, welcomed approximately 30 parishioners to the Annual Parish Meeting. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 March 2016 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. No Matters Arising.

Chairman's Report:

- The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Gratitude was accorded to the Parish Councillors for their indispensable work throughout the year.
- Infrastructure/Northwalls Grange: Cheddon Parish continues to grow and expand. The first houses are built.
- Neighbourhood Plan: Questionnaire results analysed; policies drafted, and supporting documents undergoing final draft before six-week consultation. Information on website during April 2017. It is anticipated the referendum will take place by end 2017. Chairman thanked all those who volunteered to work on the main document, and specifically the two parish clerks for their editing work.
- New Parish Councillor needed: the role was explained; interested parties to come forward.
- Newsletter: Thanks to the Editors; extensive information provided to keep everyone up to date.
- New Bus Route: West Monkton/Crown Medical Centre/Venture Way/Nerrols Drive/Station/Taunton and return on half hourly basis from 30 May 2017.
- Maidenbrook: Taylor Wimpey have submitted their legal documents including boundary maps to TDBC. It is understood Bovis have their boundary maps nearing completion, before submission to TDBC.
- Flytipping: continues to be a problem, but TDBC are working to address with possible remote CCTV in country lane laybys. Everyone asked to give evidence to Police/Clerk.

PCSO Tony Wearmouth, covers Cheddon area:

- Introduced colleague: PCSO Natasha Shattock who covers Maidenbrook area.
- 11 calls in past month, compared to four in 2016.
- Thanked Chairman and local residents for 'community support' regarding unusual activities; This resulted in motor cycle misuse, 10 cannabis plants discovered in field, and a burnt-out vehicle in a field whose identity was not established. This teamwork between the community and police is to be welcomed and encouraged.
- Beat Surgery to be reinstated following further restructuring of the police force.
- Crown/Police to liaise regarding nuisance of quads/bikes on Crown land opposite Stoney Furlong.
- Phone number: 07889 655312 tony.wearmouth@avonandsomerset.police.uk.

Hestercombe Gardens Trust (HGT), Philip White, CEO of Hestercombe:

- 2016 another successful year, 100,000+ visitors; an increase on the previous year possibly due to improved motorway signage and maintaining high standards.
- Membership has grown to 8,000+ membership
- 2017 is a special year: 20th Anniversary since opening in April 1997
- An Anniversary Appeal is being launched: £1.5m for restoration for HGT Gardens.
- Five projects:
 - to complete the restoration of three buildings from 18C in the gardens
 - to refurbish the House including internal works (a planning application involving Historic England to come forward in 2017)
 - 12 studios/workshops for artists
 - 200 seater space for multi-functional use
 - To create a new garden for the 21C
- Two Community Advisory Group meetings take place per year with the Parish to keep a dialogue between HGT and the local parish.
- Access agreement between Sandilands and HGT potentially close.
- Replanting of the crab apple trees to take place late 2017/early 2018.

- Car Park to assist Hall/School: HGT keen as a Trust to help, but not in a position until the lease is agreed with the Crown. The idea remains an aim.
- Exhibition includes Historical and Contemporary works.
- The second-hand book shop continues to flourish. Good quality books requested: some being sold on internet raising valuable funds for the Trust.

Savills, Lucy Back, Director on behalf of The Crown Estate:

- Northwalls Phase 1 under construction
- Traffic lights continue on A3259 for construction of entrance to estate
- No plans at present for Phase 2 (north of present site)
- SCC has requested the proposed school site be enlarged from the original proposal. Discussions continue. Clarification of the class size determined it would remain a 7-class school, though requiring more space.
- Country Park: working towards a resolution to include Conquest Riding for the Disabled Centre.
- Residential Properties were sold to the Rural Portfolio Group, William Pears; Savills are retained as the Managing Agents.

Cheddon Fitzpaine Church School

Jason Woollacott, Chair of Governors, on behalf of Duncan Gordon, Headmaster:

- Ofsted Results 100% for 2016-2017, therefore in top 1% schools within the UK.
- Congratulations received from the Regional Director
- Caution: results may not necessarily be repeated.
- Aim: for Outstanding Ofsted grade next year (2017-2018) by getting the basics right for the children, and for them to receive an all-round full-breadth experience
- Excellent achievement for the staff – who help each other by supporting staff's strengths and weaknesses.
- Intake numbers of children are strong at 20 or 21 each year.

Cheddon Church, Rev Mary Styles, Rector

- Chairman welcomed Rev Mary to the Parish.
- Rev Mary thanked everyone for the warm welcome in August 2016, having moved from Rome to the UK.
- Special thanks due to Church Warden Pauline Stone, and Pastoral Care Group Liz Thompson for their fabulous help and support.
- School Children, 4.4.2017, filled the Church and decorated the Cross with gorgeous flowers for Easter.
- The Benefice, covering four parishes has a Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/West-Monkton-Cheddon-Kingston-Broomfield-churches-in-the-South-Quantocks-242102696183594/>
- The new rectory is situated in West Monkton with a focus of Ministry into the new housing developments. This will expand into Northwalls Grange as the houses come onstream.
- To integrate, welcome and meet newcomers, a 'Cuppa & Chat' has been set up at WM School. There have been 100 new children at the WM school since September 2016.
- Rev Tony Woodward has retired; very sad just as Rev Mary settling in.
- A new job description is being drawn up to fill Tony's position.
- Messy Church meets in Cheddon Memorial Hall, and everyone is welcome monthly on Sunday afternoons. (On 3rd Sunday of the month at 4pm)
- Good Friday walk from Broomfield to Kingston, on to Cheddon, and West Monkton. Refreshments at each stage.

Community Council for Somerset, Village Agent, Gary Larsen:

- Previous work: Police for 34 years, 7 years were in Liverpool. Also, Victim Support, and Age UK.
- Current work: Village Agent for Community Council for Somerset since September 2016 covering Blackdowns, Wellington, Wellington Without, Bishops Hull, Nailsbourne and Cheddon Parish.
- Has many personal local connections with the area.
- 75 clients to date; two within this parish.
- Areas of work focus on people's needs regarding any of the following: Adult Social Care, dementia, loneliness, something to do, mobility, or transport requirements.
- Happy to take questions or referrals at any time.

Hinckley Point/EDF, David Redpath, Project Manager/local resident

- Construction of Hinckley Point begun in 2011, including preparatory activities
- HP will supply 7% of UK electricity in future
- 25,000 jobs will be created, bringing £4 billion to the South West.
- DR worked on Crossrail in London, 2012 Olympics, now finding the current design planning both fascinating and demanding.
- Developing skills are a key part of the project for apprentices and employees
- UK Gov: validated the design of the reactor by EDF, followed by the granting of the site licence in 2012 as being suitable company to run the site.
- Details of the design were produced, including changes in Government strategy. Chinese investors came on board with approval for the build and funding made in July 2016.
- Sept 2016: 500 staff in Bristol, and 1,000 on site.
 - Three groups: Site Command Centre
 - Delivery Command Centre (which organises the feeds work to the site)
 - Engineering Command Centre (situated in France)
- Where we are now: Enabling works for the foundations and commencing the civil works (concrete).
- Five project values: Humility is the most significant
- Recognises this is the first new-build in the UK, the supply chain is coming from all over the world, local companies are supporting the site (eg catering).
- Significant apprentice schemes which are providing good skills for workers; a good opportunity for those entering the industry now.
- Q. How will Brexit affect the project? A. No-one knows at this point.
- Q. When will the Reactor be commissioned? A. Start-up is planned for 2025.
- Q. How will the global/local supply chain affect this area? A. 60% of supply to be undertaken by UK companies.

Memorial Hall, Malcolm Lown, Chairman:

- Receives numerous praises for the quality and standards of the community hall.
- An extraordinary variety of classes take place, including successful Film Club with West Monkton.
- There is a constant need of redecoration to maintain pristine condition and is amongst the finest of halls in Somerset.
- 2016 saw the building rewired with LED lighting; aiming to achieve 10% saving in costs.
- The boiler and heater will be replaced in the near future; all funded from lettings.
- Fundraising events bring everyone together and are the heart of the community eg Cheddoners Play and Flower Show.
- The Hall Manager to retire, and job being advertised.
- A new teacher at the School has taken on the role of representative and Hall Trustee. Grateful this role has been filled to aid communication between school and hall. Teacher is very enthusiastic and hopes to encourage children to be involved – especially with the Flower Show.
- A Dog Show will be included with the Flower Show this year.
- Sandilands: piles of wood near the hall have generated complaints about the surroundings and have resulted in some lost wedding bookings.
- Boundaries not yet fully determined, but discussions continue.

The Meeting formally closed at 8.20 pm.

Conversations and information continued to be exchanged over drinks and refreshments for the following hour.

Signed by the Chairman as a true record

Signed by Cllr Rob Isaacs - (who Chaired the 2018 APM)

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Cllr D Webber

22 March 2018

Date:

J Pearson, Parish Clerk, 4 April 2017