



# Minutes of Budbrooke Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2017 at Budbrooke Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Bryan, K. Dutton, M. Dutton, A. Robey, C. Roper, F. Roper and D. Shirley;  
WCC Cllr L. Caborn; Sam Slemensek from WCC and 13 members of the public

WCC – Warwickshire County Council; WDC – Warwick District Council

## 1 Minutes of the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Budbrooke Annual Parish Meeting, held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016, were approved.

## 2 Annual Reports 2016-17

Reports were read out from the Chairman of Budbrooke Parish Council, district and county councillors and local groups. Reports from the district and county councillors were summarised.

### Chairman's Report

The idea of an annual report is to give an overview of the work the Council has undertaken over the last year, which was quite busy.

Our community has the benefit of a well-developed Community Centre and Village Hall, both run by their own Management Committees and both offering quite different facilities for their users. The Community Centre, however, has the Parish Council as its Custodian Trustee so this Council has a greater direct responsibility to its continuance. This being so, the Parish Council has provided funds so that the Management Committee can upgrade the building and maintain the resource for the community. This was helped by the Hampton Magna 50 celebrations, where a small group of people, led by Richard Lyttle, arranged several events and activities including bulb planting and a memorial bench.

Another group, led by Cllrs Treacy and Hales, worked on improving the Barracks Memorial in Blandford Way.

On a different tack, following pressure from the PC, gas main and water services were tackled by the appropriate companies, and although these lasted most of the year they are now complete, I hope!

We saw the potential closure of the Montgomery of Alamein pub, and its resurgence with new tenants who have made substantial changes and brought new life to our local.

Both playgrounds have been checked weekly, had maintenance work done and are generally in good order. The Montgomery Avenue site is being designated as a Centenary Field in Trust, which will mean additional work, but an assurance that it will not be developed.

Twenty-one planning applications were viewed and comments were made to WDC Planning Department.

The County Council's plan for Stank's Island at the A46/A4177 was reviewed and comments relayed to WCC. We commented on several consultations, e.g. the local minerals plan.

Our bus route has been reduced to hourly, and we have made representations to WCC and StageCoach, but the number of users remains an issue.

WCC have been asked to consider appropriate action in respect of rail users parking in Blandford way. WCC plan to reduce the speed limit alongside the allotments from 60 to 50 mph following discussion with HOTHRA and the Parish Council.

Tree Preservation orders have been placed on a number of local trees that meet the requirements.

The Red Phone box in Hampton on the Hill is being considered for maintenance and retention.

Last, but not least, the Budbrooke Neighbourhood Plan has been updated and is currently open for public consultation; the final document will be put to a local referendum. If successful it will form an integral part of planning requirements when applications are made for developments.

It only remains for me to thank my fellow councillors, our County and District Councillors who have been assiduous in their support for the parish, and our clerk, Alex, who again has been diligent providing excellent professional support.

***Cllr Mike Dutton***  
***Chairman of Budbrooke Parish Council.***

## **Budbrooke Charities Report**

Like many places, Budbrooke has charities aimed at helping residents. However, charities are restricted to provide according to their charitable objectives. In Budbrooke, the first objective is educational, for those under the age of 25, and the second objective is to give support to individuals and families which are in *particular* need.

In 2016, some 12 applicants were given educational awards, making a total of just over £5,000. Over £800 was given to people and organisations that met the requirements of the second objective.

All enquiries are dealt with confidentially. The decisions made by the trustees is final. Contact details are in the parish newsletter. If you think you are eligible contact the secretary by phone or email - it is always worth asking.

***Cllr Mike Dutton***

## **Village Hall Report**

The Committee remains unchanged in the last twelve months with eight members, as per the Constitution.

The users of the Village Hall remain consistent, as in previous years, namely: Milverton Folk Dance Group, Over 60's, Art Class, Tai Chi, Pilates, NCT, Bowen Therapy, St Michael's Church, Budbrooke Parish Council and WDC Elections. Sadly we no longer have the Guide Movement as the Unit has closed. The hall is also used regularly at weekends for children's parties.

At the last Village Hall Committee meeting it was agreed by members to increase the hiring costs of the hall by £1 per hour for all users.

Over the last year, the hall has been completely redecorated, the toilets enhanced with new fittings and the heating control unit and extractor fan have been replaced in the disabled toilet.

The committee investigated the addition of a hearing loop system in the Hall. With input from Cllr Robey regarding alternatives to the dated hearing loop technology, a new wireless sound system has been installed at a cost of £2,379.12. This was purchased by the Village Hall including a £1,000 grant from the Warwickshire Rural Community Council.

The Committee is very proud to have achieved the Hallmark 1 Certificate. This means the Committee has successfully met specific standards required for the accreditation. This Standard is awarded by the Warwickshire Rural Community Council. The recognition allows us to state on our stationery and other funding applications of this award with the appropriate logo. Other benefits include lower insurance premiums with a reduction of £72 this year.

In 2016 we held 5 Film Nights, 2 Skittles Evenings and the British Legion's Remembrance Sunday Lunch.

The Committee would like to thank all of those who regularly support the Village Hall and its activities.

***Cllr Rhonda Hales***

## **Community Centre Report**

Budbrooke Community Association (CIO) had another good year. New members joined the committee to make us strong and active. The committee worked hard and gave their free time to keep the community centre open for business.

The centre has many users and the diary is looking good for the future. Julia Smith (chairperson) works very hard behind the scenes with meetings etc, Julia values her members on the committee very much. During the year we said farewell to Rebecca Hilliar (secretary) after many years on the committee. Our new secretary is Linda Price a long serving servant to the parish over many years.

The committee have held events throughout the year to fundraise for our community centre funds. Some of the events held during the past year include a family & prize bingo, cookery demo, quiz evenings, Easter fun day. The new wall of names in the main hall is finished and we held a pleasant afternoon for residents with refreshments to view it.

I would like to thank everyone who has added their names to the wall for a lasting 'piece of history'. Looking at the wall there are many names of residents no longer with us but who were an intrinsic part of our community and it is nice to remember them.

The Hampton Magna 50 celebration year was concluded in a wonderful night in conjunction with our church, singing carols and drinking mulled wine along with mince pies with most of Hampton Magna in attendance.

The annual parish show was once again a success and a wonderful event. It brings plenty of support from the residents, with many taking part. Organisers Dave Shirley, Enid Bryan and Fran Salmon say thank you, and will be back again this year on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Once again I give a big thank you and I am pleased to say that Budbrooke Parish Council have once again given their full support when needed. At last the long-awaited storage space has now been completed. The next projects will be replacing the roof, moving the kitchen and main entrance and refurbishing the toilets.

***Cllr Dave Shirley***

## **County Councillor's Report**

### **Budget**

We have faced up to the challenges of reducing budgets by ensuring the county council is efficient as can be. We have reduced directors from 10 to 4, and heads of service from 58 to 16 whilst reviewing every post. We share work with and work for other authorities .

Council tax set at 1.99%. +2% ring fenced for social care for 2017-18.

We have straightforward objectives:

Building Warwickshire's economy by supporting and attracting business to grow jobs and investing in skills and education; looking after those who are vulnerable, by supporting people to be as independent as they can be for as long as possible.

### **Children's and adult care and safeguarding**

Opened MASH - the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub pulls together police, health, social care and all partners to safeguard and protect all by operating together;

Recruiting 40 additional children's social workers to reduce caseloads;

Formed Children's Transformation Board to give seamless support to children and families from 0 to 18;

Built extra care housing for supported living for the vulnerable;

Transformed domiciliary care to give more contact time;

Formed joint reablement service with SWFT;

Received £20 million over 3yrs from government extra funding for older people.

### **Education**

Invested extra £1m in home to school routes;

89% of schools judged good or outstanding by OFSTED;

Pupil performance in most areas better than national average;

More SEN pupils educated at local schools;

School estate being expanded.

### **Infrastructure**

Investment fund for infrastructure and town centre regeneration;

Additional parkway stations at Ricoh, Nuneaton ,Stratford and Kenilworth;

Junction 12 improvements at Gaydon;  
Stanks Island Stoneleigh junctions improvements;  
Gritting routes maintained and pothole repairs;  
WCC apprentice hub rated in top 100 in U.K.

### **Road Safety**

I have used my Councillor road safety budget for works in Budbrooke, Norton Lindsey, Bishops Tachbrook, Barford. This will continue for 2017-18.

### **Health**

We have launched our zero tolerance to suicide strategy;  
Redesigned and retendered our children's mental health services;  
Instigated white board - our 24/7 mental health help service for over 16;  
Living Well with Dementia has achieved over 13000 dementia friend;  
Redesigned our school health and wellbeing service;  
Responsible for drugs, alcohol and smoking quitting and support.

### **Combined Authority**

We are still an associate member working with, but not part of, the combined authority.

### **Sustainability and Transformation Plan**

The STP is designed to get all partners in the health system working together, and reduce escalating costs to make health and social care affordable longer term.

So far in Warwickshire a difficult start but progress is being made somewhat slowly. WCC is a vital partner in this along with our boroughs and districts.

### **WCC Cllr Les Caborn**

*Division member, portfolio holder for health and children's services.*

### **District Councillor's Report**

I want to report back on three major initiatives within Warwick District over the last year.

The first one is to get the Local Plan through the Examination In Public. With the Inspector having previously indicated he would reject the original proposal as being "unsound", WDC made amendments to the original plan, largely to meet the "unmet need" of Coventry. In total more than 4,000 houses were added to the Plan. The Plan went through its Examination In Public in Autumn 2016 and the Inspector has now advised the Council of some suggested amendments – mostly of deletions of sites within the Green Belt. Currently these amendments are out for public consultation until the 5<sup>th</sup> May and all residents are welcome to put their comment in. Full Council will probably be asked to approve the revised Local Plan in mid-Summer 2017.

The second major initiative is the investment of £15 million in upgrading the St Nicholas Park and Newbold Comyn Leisure Centres. Both Centres were getting towards the end of their useful life and this new investment will provide modern leisure centres meeting the needs of the communities for the next 30+ years. They will also be managed by a company called "Everyone Active", who have successfully tendered to run the centres for the

next 10 years, and who will be very attuned to meeting the needs of the community to remain healthy and fit. Facilities in Kenilworth will be for review later, probably in 2018.

Thirdly: There have been considerable issues around unauthorised encampments by travellers. Extensive camps over Christmas and the New Year, and since then, have left to considerable public disquiet about the mess left behind. We have been working with the Police & Crime Commissioner, Philip Seccombe, to develop a Countywide approach as to how to handle these sites, but in the meantime as a District Council we have agreed to invest £180,000 into hardening our public spaces to make these areas less prone to these encampments.

Key areas for the year ahead include:  
Conclusion of the Local Plan as outlined above.

The development of a new car park strategy for Warwick and Leamington as Linen Street and Covent Garden Multi-Storey Car Parks reach the end of their useful life.

A new and smaller set of council offices will be built alongside the Covent Garden car park, enabling the current Riverside House (WDC's HQ) to be replaced by additional housing.

Proposals for a new football stadium for Leamington Football Club along with community facilities on the Europa Way/Gallows Hill site.

As always, myself and Cllr Alan Rhead are happy to take calls or emails throughout the year, and to meet residents at Parish Council meetings, to discuss any issues or questions that they may have."

**WDC Cllr Peter Phillips**

### **3 Public Comments**

Peter Gogerly of Hampton on the Hill Residents Association raised the following issues and requested that the parish council consider these issues during the coming year: traffic calming measures for Hampton on the Hill and the need to slow down traffic through the village; repair of the footpaths around the village which are in poor condition, and the need for a haul route to the new development in Hampton Magna, to avoid the need for construction traffic to drive through Hampton on the Hill. The Chairman confirmed that these matters were noted and that the council would support the building of a haul road but could not guarantee that this would take place. WCC Cllr Caborn confirmed that developers might contest such a request but this matter would be addressed at the appropriate point in the future, once plans have been submitted.

### **4 Guest Speaker**

Sam Slemensek from WCC Community Safety Team gave a presentation on cyber crime.