



Minutes of Budbrooke Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at Budbrooke Community Centre

Present: Cllrs K. Dutton, M. Dutton, A. Robey, C. Roper, F. Roper and D. Shirley;
WDC Cllr P Phillips, 9 members of the public.

1 Minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Budbrooke Annual Parish Meeting, held on 17th May 2017, were approved.

2 Annual Reports 2017-18

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 again was quite busy.

In 2016-7, the Parish Council provided funds so that the Community Centre Management Committee could make planned improvements to the building to maintain it as a resource for the community. Work starts imminently, and the Parish Council should record its thanks to them for securing sufficient additional funds to deliver such a substantial upgrade. Thank you.

The Barrack's Memorial in Blandford Way now has planters which improve the site. These help to make the entrance to Hampton Magna and Hampton in the Hill welcoming.

Both playgrounds continue to be checked weekly and are general in good order. The Montgomery Avenue site is now designated as a Centenary Field in Trust, and the Council is considering signage to promote the historic and environmental location with an assurance that it will not be developed. There will be an event later in the year.

As usual, planning applications were viewed, and comments were made to WDC Planning Department. The development of land off Daly Avenue [H51] has been a significant part of the Council's work this year. Outline plans have been seen and discussed with public participation, and the Council has made its objections clear to the District Council Planning Department. The Budbrooke Neighbourhood Development Plan has now been examined and during this year the final document will be put to a local referendum. It includes policies to mitigate any future development in the parish until 2029 and will form an integral part of planning requirements when applications are made for developments. The recent traffic counts we implemented have also helped the Council reinforce its case in respect of the volume of vehicles at key times within Hampton Magna. The implication of the Hatton Park development and concerns from residents along the Birmingham Road about the new access were also discussed and communicated to the Planning Authority.

Yellow lines in Blandford Way now restrict parking by Rail users. Revised speed limit along the allotments and signage in Hampton on the Hill, mentioned last year are now in place.

The Red Phone box in Hampton on the Hill has been bought and a small team is looking at maintenance and usage matters.

It only remains for me to thank my fellow councillors, and our County and District Councillors who have assiduous in their support for the parish, and our new clerk, Simone, who continues to provide 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 2017, some 13 applicants were given educational awards, making a total of just over £6,800. Over £1,300 was given to people or 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

In the past 12 months, there have a number of changes to the Committee members. The total number remains at 8, in line with the Constitution plus 2 members representing outside bodies. The two former co-opted members were invited to be full committee members at this year's AGM.

Three longstanding members have stepped down but we are delighted to advise that they have been replaced by new local residents.

Barry Dale has stepped down after many years as the Village Hall treasurer. Barry is replaced by Maurice Wright.

The customer base of the Village Hall remains consistent with Milverton Folk Dance Group, Over 60's, Art Class, Pilates, St. Michaels Church and the Parish Council. A new addition to this line up is a dance group called West Country Smooth.

As of the 1st January, the hourly rate for hire was increased by £1 per hour making a total of £13 for regular users and £14 for other users. The Hall is provided free of charge for the British Legion Remembrance Day Lunch.

Last year the VH held 7 films nights. The addition of the new wireless surround sound system makes it a real cinema experience. All details of forthcoming films are listed in the parish newsletter. If you haven't been to a film night, do come along. A £5 raffle ticket gives you entry with coffee and biscuits at half time and the chance to go home with a bottle of wine if your lucky ticket is pulled. Ideas for the coming year include supplying popcorn and ice cream for a small fee.

We retain our Hallmark 1 status indicating that we have successfully met certain standards that are required.

The committee has a number of projects ongoing this year including raising funds for the replacement of the roof lights, renovation of benches and investigating the future proofing of the Hall after the lease expires in 2035.

Cllr Rhonda Hales

Community Centre Report

Budbrooke Community Centre has had a very busy 12 months. Phase One Storage was finished racking build and installed a welcome by all user groups. Tables and chairs for the centre are also stored in the room.

Andy Allsopp who lives in the village took on the mammoth task of raising funds for a Defibrillator, with supported by the community centre. He was successful and the Defibrillator is seated on front of community centre. Andy arranged for aerial photos to be taken of the village these were sold along with a bingo night the money was raised.

Also there was Various events held they included cooking demo, quiz nights, and game afternoons, also a McMillan coffee morning held at the Open Door.

Hannah Gelfs organised The Scarecrow competition this gets more popular and bigger each year, it's a lot of hard work. Christmas season had the return of the Lantern Walk with festive celebrations in the centre. The village came out in force to support this event.

People sang Carols walking from corners of Hampton Magna to meet at the community centre where mince pies and mulled wine was enjoyed.

Budbrooke community centre is used every day and weekends. Users groups Include Tots, Pre-school, Scouts, Brownies, Dance School, Pilates, Cardiac Heart Group plus Private Rentals.

Phase Two refurbishment was a high priority. After the 2017 Agm held October quotes were obtained for a new Entrance and Kitchen. Lots of form filling went on with support from Budbrooke Parish Council the money was raised. The work for entrance and kitchen started April 2018.

Next project is Phase 3, new roof, a new suspended ceiling with new lighting in main hall. Funding Forms have been submitted, we are waiting to see if successful. This work will be carried out in the summer break.

This refurbishment would not be possible without the hard work of the management Committee and continued support by many. The next year will be very busy, with fundraising events. We look forward to our regular support and hopefully some new new faces.

I would like to thank on behalf of the parish council.

Julia Smith (Chair) her officers and committee for all their hard and dedicated work over the last year. We are very lucky to have such dedicated people looking after your community centre.

Cllr Dave Shirley

County Councillor's Report

Budget: For 2018-19 we set a budget rise of 4.99% made up of 2.99% for general purposes and 2% ring fenced for adult social care. Our Conservative group budget affirmed at council in February included some new and innovative projects namely £150k for each of next 2 years to work with our borough and districts and health and primary care in partnership to reduce homelessness particularly relating to drugs ,alcohol and mental health.

£125k for a year of wellbeing jointly with Coventry to help people take more control of all aspects of health and wellbeing in their lives.

£100k for 2 additional planners to work on major transport schemes.

Additional funding for children with special educational needs Adult Social Care.

We are continuing our transformation of adult services to make them simpler to access and allow users more control of their care.

Children's services: We continue to implement smart start which aims to give all children the best start in life from birth to starting school in partnership with health, education and all partners. We are experiencing a rise in children in care and foster homes and Warwickshire lead the West

Midlands adoption agency. We are redesigning the transition years for children and families with special needs as they move to adulthood.

Education: Our new head of education has embarked on a consultation aimed for parents to tell WCC what it expects from education for their children.

Highways: Throughout the weather this winter we fully gritted all routes on the list with numerous extra gritting to keep them clear. A number of major schemes are due to start including Stanks Island , Heathcote dueling, A46 Stoneleigh Island.

Digital by default: Our service transformation to full digitised services and access to WCC is gathering pace with a full internal redesign being mapped and expert staff engaged to deliver it. Next phase or how we join up to all partners including parish councils.

Economy: Our economy continues to thrive outperforming the West Midlands . Employment remains low and WCC is recognised for its skills and apprenticeship work.

Combined authority: Warwickshire continues to be a constituent member with the leader of the county council having the finance portfolio. I also attend the health and mental health meetings. This remains the WCC position.

Old Shire Hall: This now operating as a stand alone business unit and is available to hire for functions, weddings etc.

WCC Cllr Les Caborn

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

District Councillor's Report

Over the last year I have been a member of the Executive and held the portfolio for Housing & Property Services, which covers Council Housing and the District's properties. Alan Rhead has also been a member of the Executive responsible for Development. Alan's main responsibility lies in scrutinising the implementation of the approved Local Plan.

In the last financial year the District Council has achieved the following:-

- Continued the substantial upgrade of the leisure centres at both St Nicholas Park and Newbold Comyn; St Nicholas Park has now been opened and it has been extremely well received with significantly increased membership; Newbold Comyn will be fully re-opened to the public over the summer;
- Reduced the rents for all of its Council House tenants for the third year in a row;
- Spent £2.5 million on reinforcing the safety of our 9 high rise blocks in the District following the Grenfell Tower disaster
- Through the planning system WDC has achieved over 37% of all housing development to be affordable housing
- Despite substantial reduction in central government funding, offset by a modest rise in Council Tax, there have been no reductions in services;
- Following the approval of the Local Plan for the next 15 years, all development is now controlled within a specified plan;
- As a result of this controlled development the landscape of the approach to the south of our towns of Warwick and Leamington Spa is changing as highway upgrades are started, to accommodate the planned new housing;

- The design process has started for a sizeable Country Park which will be created to both act as a buffer between the south of Warwick housing development and the rural settlement of Bishops Tachbrook;
- We will be providing a new football stadium for Leamington FC in the south of the town.
- A start has been made in planning for a creative quarter in the south of Leamington Spa, which will regenerate the south of the town;
- Plans for the development of St Mary's land in Warwick to include cycle ways and improved open space have been approved;
- Protected all the open lands owned by the District so as to prevent unauthorised Gypsy & Traveller encampments;
- Proposed a positive solution to regenerate the Leper Hospital and bring it back into use.
- As a result of continuing good financial management the District has been able to continue to invest in building the capacity of the voluntary and community sectors with nearly £1million of expenditure over the next three years, unlike other local councils who have ceased to make a similar commitment for a number of years.
- Similarly the Council continues to have a sizeable fund for rural initiative grants to aid worthwhile rural community schemes, none of which would be possible if good financial management had not been the cornerstone of the District's management. The Barford Community Shop and the King George Playing Fields are good prior examples of the contributions this grant facility has provided in the past.
- We will continue to support residents to get a decent and sensible development on the two sites allocated in the Local Plan in Hampton Magna.

Finally I would like to rectify fake news and misinformation on two important topics;

1. **The Riverside House and Covent Garden Car Park redevelopment;** the Covent Garden car park has "concrete cancer", has already a reduced parking capacity and, in time, will have to be completely rebuilt; at the same time the District Council's offices are neither fit for modern purpose nor economic to run; consequently, and after a District-wide search for alternative office accommodation none of which was either practical or possible, the Council approved unanimously a plan to combine the redevelopment of the Car Park with new modern state of the art Council Offices, and housing; these approved plans will now provide a car park with increased spaces, some apartments and the new smaller fit-for-purpose Council offices. In the possible future event of a unitary authority, these offices would then be easily marketed for use by others. Importantly this move, which includes the selling off of the Riverside House for housing, will save the tax payer £3million over the next ten years.
2. **Newbold Comyn Golf Course.** The contractor has pulled out of the contract for running this golf course and the Council is looking at options on how to best use and enhance this area. However it is grossly misleading by some to assert that the Council was about to set this area aside for housing. It is categorically not the case and never has been. Not only is this untrue, it would be impossible since it is Green Belt and the Council is currently consulting on the best continuing use of this important open space facility.

WDC Cllrs Peter Phillips & Alan Rhead

3 Public Comments

Potholes in road coming into HOTH are bigger and dangerous from Henley Road - allotment side, right outside the allotments and further along.

Woodway Lane - flytipping - Cllr Phillips requested be sent the photos by email & that residents report it to WDC direct as soon as they see it. It is important the flytipping is not touched as the Council are then not able to take action against offenders.

Newsletter errors-- Agenda for discussion at June PC.

19/5 CC multi sports event.

A member of public made representations to WDC Cllr Phillips on local development Section 123 list - Warwick Castle park which is a local amenity which needs redevelopment to bring it back into the local community. Cllr Robey confirmed that Castle Park was sold separately to the Castle itself and was purchased to develop it several years ago but it never went any further. WDC Cllr Phillips will raise it during the forthcoming discussions about the new proposed Country park in the area.

4 **Guest Speaker:** Dave Butler WDC attended to give a presentation on Section 106 agreements.

Meeting closed at 9.51pm.