



Minutes of Budbrooke Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 27th April 2016 at Budbrooke Community Centre

Present: Cllrs Bryan, K. Dutton, M. Dutton, R. Hales, A. Robey, C. Roper, F. Roper, Shirley and Treacy; WDC Cllr Phillips and 26 members of the public.

WCC – Warwickshire County Council; WDC – Warwick District Council

1 Minutes of the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Budbrooke Annual Parish Meeting, held on 13th May 2015, were approved.

2 Annual Reports 2015-16

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

Chairman's Report

The idea of an annual report is to give an overview of the work the parish council has undertaken over the last year. Before doing so, I would like to explain about our duties and responsibilities. What we can do & what we cannot do.

The Council owns land at Montgomery Avenue; the children's play area field but not the access roads to the dwellings. We are bound as good neighbours to maintain this in good order. In addition, we have a duty to ensure that the play equipment in particular and the field in general, are as safe as we reasonably can make them. This is why we have them regularly inspected, with monthly reports to the council. This also is why we are determined to eradicate dog fouling by maintaining our position and reporting people who do not comply with the dogs on lead or picking up their faeces to the Dog Warden who could impose a fine of £1000.

We have the same duties and responsibilities in respect of Styles Close, which the council rents from Warwick District Council, but this area has higher maintenance and repair costs. In this case we have been concerned with antisocial behaviour, litter dumping, dogs running unrestrained and broken glass. Fortunately, there has been a little less recently, it comes and goes.

In both these cases we rely on you, the general public, the residents, the users to keep the parish council informed about transgressions and transgressors. You are paying for it, help us stop it.

Similar duties and responsibilities come with the Community Centre land here. The parish council does not own the land; it also is rented from Warwick District Council but, as the only recognised authority in the parish, the parish council acts corporately as custodian trustee for the building. There is a functioning management committee, who are all volunteers currently led by *Julia Smith*, which has kept the place running, pretty well at capacity. They are looking to develop the centre for the greater good of the community. Without such volunteers, this facility would probably no longer exist. More details will be in the report they are making to this meeting. However, I would both personally and on behalf of the parish council wholeheartedly thank them for the work do. Especially so, now they have recently been awarded a grant to improve the building.

With the proposed housing developments, although not finally agreed, the council would be remiss not to consider the impact they would have on the parish. Last year I reported the creation of a team of volunteers to build our Neighbourhood Development Plan. Over the last twelve months the team has worked hard and

published a draft version which we put out to consultation to you, and also to statutory consultees including county and district councils, to neighbouring parishes, to public utilities, in fact to almost everyone that may have an interest, including developers.

We knew that the Warwick District Local Plan was being reconsidered. The Planning Inspector didn't like some of the things in it; one being the low number of new dwellings in the plan. WDC was between a rock and a hard place, needing to find space for another 4,000 more dwellings. Hampton Magna is recognised by Warwick District Council as a sustainable village – one that has most if not all the facilities a thriving community would need - so it was seen as a prime site for additional housing. Budbrooke residents felt the impact of this proposed site last year, but have been taken aback by inclusion of an additional larger site, previously thought of as having been rejected. As it must comply with the local plan, the Neighbourhood plan has been put on hold. Because, with the underlying uncertainty, the council felt that taking the Neighbourhood Plan to its next stage would mean rewriting significant parts of it.

As I expect you know, comments and objections to the Modified Local Plan had to be made by 22nd April 2016. The Parish Council sent its representations to WDC addressing weaknesses in the infrastructure Details are on the website.

Both the Newsletter and the website are flourishing following last year's changes. It would be worthwhile now asking that you think about these two ways that the Council seeks to keep you up to date on a day to day or month to month basis. We welcome comments.

In respect of normal Parish Council work, this year had a similar number of planning applications to consider as last year and referred maintenance requests to the proper authority.

I thank Councillors *Alan Rhead* and *Peter Phillips* of Warwick District Council for keeping us informed about the progress of the Local Plan throughout the year; and other matters. I also thank Councillor *Les Caborn* of Warwickshire County Council for his input and support in respect of highways matters in the main – Blandford Way and Hampton on the Hill.

Parish Council meetings don't just happen. Our Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer *Alex Davis*, with the new council and challenging changes, has kept the business on an even keel. I thank her sincerely. I also thank my colleagues on the parish council (we are all volunteers) for their input at, and between meetings. This year there have been an abnormally large number of 'between meeting' meetings and it is only right that parishioners should know that and the effort their councillors have put in.

If you have any questions I, or one of us, will gladly try and answer them once all reports have been made. Lastly, I would like to thank Andy Thomas, Louisa Graham, Sue Shirley in advance, for the presentation of "Budbrooke Through the Years".

Clr Mike Dutton

Community Centre Report

Budbrooke Community Centre, known as Budbrooke Community Association (CIO) is a charitable organisation.

2016 continued to be busy with an increase in bookings. Chair Julia Smith is supported by Gary Knight (vice chair) a good committee and regular helpers, and they do a splendid job.

With support from the Parish Council, the committee recently had plans approved for a storage extension. The storage is much needed and is long overdue. The committee has been awarded a RUCIS grant from Warwick District Council of up to £30,000 which, along with the £30,000 allocated by the parish council, means that the project can now go ahead. Builders have submitted tenders for the job and the committee will shortly be selecting a company to carry out the work.

Bookings are excellent and the centre is used seven days a week, users include Pre-School, Tots, Bingo, Dance School, Pilates, plus the uniformed groups, and also it is used as a polling station.

Regular bookings for parties and fund raising events are also keeping the building fully used. Some events this year include the Cookery Demonstrations, Annual Parish Show, village Scarecrow competition and Quiz's.

Gary Knight's project the Wall of Names is a huge success. Louisa Graham has sold extra 200 Club numbers both bring in extra funds. The committee will continue to hold fund raising events throughout the year including HM50 celebrations.

The future of the centre is with people who want the best for the parish. The Parish Council would like to thank the committee and will continue giving their support.

Cllr Dave Shirley

Village Hall Report

The full committee of eight remains unchanged in the last twelve months. Bookings are steady with varied customers including Milverton Folk Dance Group, Art Classes, Adoption UK and Parish Council meetings. Hire of the hall represented 72% of income and the committee has agreed to freeze hire costs again for the coming year.

The Remembrance Lunch in October sold out in record time, the film nights and skittles evening continue to be extremely well supported. On that basis, the number of film nights this year has been increased. The 2 showings so far have drawn audiences of approx. forty people from Budbrooke and Hatton, which means they are profitable nights for the Village Hall. Suggestions have been voiced (and are under consideration) to sell choc ices, popcorn and possibly wine (subject to obtaining a license at a cost of £28 each time).

Following the success of the Skittles night last October, there will be two events this year which promise an extremely lively and fun night out, as well as a generous portion of Warwick's finest fish and chips included in the ticket price!

A community forum grant of £1000 was awarded towards the cost of a defibrillator for the hall, which will benefit the local community. The parish council agreed to cover the difference in cost and purchased the equipment to donate to the Village Hall. The defibrillator has been donated to the committee to maintain and run, and is located in a by the entrance to the hall. Great team effort.

Plans for the coming year include investigating the installation of a hearing loop for users of the hall.

Cllr Rhonda Hales

Budbrooke Charities Report

The Budbrooke Charities have welcomed two new co-opted trustees: Hannah Gelfs, who has the perspective of the young people in the parish, and Nick Wood, who brings expertise in financial skills.

The trustees have assisted a number of individuals, families and groups. It is the group's aim to make more people aware of the how to access the service.

The Charities help people and families in need and young people under 25 with educational and training support.

Cllr Ann Robey

Clr Les Caborn Combined Report for Bishops Tachbrook Division.

BUDGET

In the autumn statement the government announced that it had changed the way councils were to be allocated their funding, without consultation. The net effect is that WCC has £10million less in 2016/17 and 2017/18 per year. As the announcement was too late for this year's budget setting, we took money out of reserves. The roll on effect will mean an extra £25 million will have to be found in 2017/18. In addition, the public health budget was reduced by £1.4 million in year plus 3.9% in real terms each year until 2020. We increased council tax by 1.9% plus 2% for adult social care.

SAND AND GRAVEL

The work is nearly complete in processing all responses to the first consultation and putting them online. An additional member of staff is being recruited to assist. A number of new sites have been submitted so these will be consulted on shortly. Following which there will be a second consultation on proposed final list of sites based on all sites (new and old) in the Autumn. It is then planned to submit to inspectors in 2017.

SOLAR ENERGY

Three sites in council ownership are being investigated and costed with a partner to deliver income and balance energy usage with generation. One of these is Glebe Farm Wasperton - possibly 6 acres around Glebe Farm itself, facing south towards Wellesbourne.

SMALLHOLDING. ESTATE

Council has agreed to maintain our small holding estate at 5000 acres. Where land is sold for development out of this estate, council has agreed that 5% of sale price will be reinvested in land to maintain the total acreage.

MENTAL HEALTH

Our mental health contract s(CAMHS) has been redesigned to concentrate on early help and intervention and is being relet this year. In addition we have won £17million additional funding which will be used to eliminate waiting time.

MASH

The **multi agency safeguarding hub** will open for children on May 3rd and adults on Sep 1st. This brings together on one site in WCC, social workers, police, health, education , priority families, youth justice and child sexual exploitation teams to safeguard all our vulnerable people.

SMART START

This is our 0-5 years redesign to ensure every child is school ready. It involves health, education, children's centres, nurseries and nurses to deliver the best start for every child and parent across the whole county. It is about changing our and our partners' services and engaging local communities to assist and help.

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

Policy now completed and will be coming your way.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE

The additional 2% council tax has enabled WCC to ensure all care workers along side all WCC staff receive the living wage. We continue with our programme of delivering independent living for the elderly and disabled. We are redesigning all our social care contracts to deliver improved service with a reduced number of suppliers with new performance targets.

FIRE AND RESCUE

We continue our work with Worcester and Hereford fire and rescue but are waiting for the Home Secretary to give details of the announced collaboration with police.

OLD SHIRE HALL

After competitive tender, council has accepted an in house bid to manage this venture. It is proposed to do this via an arms length company.

Thanks to all chairmen, councillors and clerks for their support throughout the year.

WCC Cllr Les Caborn

3 Public Comments

Julia Smith, Chair of Budbrooke Community Association, thanked the parish council for their support for the community centre over the past year.

A short discussion took place on the local plan and how the parish might benefit from section 106 agreements with developers or the new Community Infrastructure Levy. The chairman advised that some information is available on the parish council website, in the Neighbourhood Plan section. He confirmed that the parish council would be looking into this matter further.

Website and newsletter – the email alerts from the website were praised and the council agreed to look into the electronic version of the newsletter as it is not in an easily readable layout.

Barracks memorial – progress on the cleaning was queried and it was confirmed that this should take place in May, hopefully with community involvement.

Richard Lyttle, Chair of the HM50 group, thanked the parish council for its support for the group's activities over the past few months.

4 Budbrooke Through the Years

Presentation by Andy Thomas, Sue Shirley and Louisa Graham.