



Minutes of Budbrooke Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at Budbrooke Community Centre

Present: Cllr M Dutton, Mrs K Dutton, M Treacy, R Hales, D Shirley, A Thomas, 7 members of the public, WDC Cllrs A Rhead & J Matecki, WCC Cllr L Cabron,
Apologies: Cllr D Bryan

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Budbrooke Annual Parish Meeting, held on 2nd May 2018, were approved.

Annual Reports 2018-19: 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

My annual report provides an overview of the work the Council did the last 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 both in writing and at the planning committee on 29th January 2019. Outline planning permission was granted; full planning permission is yet to be requested by the developer.

The Budbrooke Neighbourhood Development Plan was made in July 2019 and integrated into WDC's own planning policies. Its value and importance was proved when the application for full planning permission for Arras Boulevard, in March, site was refused on the basis that the location of affordable housing on the site was not sufficiently spread.

The recent traffic counts we had made will help 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. Further counts will be taking place along the A4177 and roads off leading to Hampton Magna; Budbrooke and Hatton parishes working together. The three sets, including the 2018 set for HOTH, will provide irrefutable evidence of current use. Advice has been provided from a traffic consultant and a Senior Planning Consultant, with financial help from WALC.

The Parish Council provided matched funding for the Community Centre Management Committee, which, together with funding from other bodies, started planned improvements to the building to maintain it as a resource for the community. These are now complete; phase 4 is imminent.

- 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.
- The Budbrooke PC Facebook page was launched to improve communication.
- A new bench has been sited by memorial.
- The council continues to
 - work with The Open Door to help with their funding issues
 - draw to the attention of the proper authority matters to do with parish maintenance

It only remains for me to thank my fellow councillors, and our County and District Councillors for their support for the parish, and our clerk, Simone, who continues to provide excellent professional support.

Cllr Mike Dutton

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.

All enquiries are dealt with confidentially. The decision 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 Village Hall committee is pleased to report that over the last 12 months, we have retained all regular customer bookings bar one, who has closed the business.

The actual committee members remain the same since my last report bar one member who has chosen to stand down.

The past 12 months has seen us host 7 film nights including a full house for Mamma Mia 2. In the last few months, we have introduced complimentary popcorn on arrival and now sell a selection of ice creams at the interval for £1.00 each.

In May, we held a skittles evening with over 40 players who enjoyed an evening of (in some cases) energetic bowling and an excellent fish & chip supper. I am pleased to report that despite a few near misses, all windows remained intact. In November we hosted the annual British Legion lunch on Remembrance Sunday to commemorate the armistice as part of the wider agenda for commemoration arranged throughout Budbrooke.

We would love to put on more events and welcome suggestions from all residents.

The Village Hall was accredited with the Hallmark level 1 accreditation in 2017 which recognise good practice and management of the Hall. Level 1 audit focuses on management and administration of the charity. The status is valid for 3 years and at this point, the committee are considering going for Level 2 accreditation. The focus of which is health & safety, security and licences.

The rooflights in the hall have been replaced thanks to a grant of £2,000 from Warwick District Council and £500 from the Parish Council. The replacement of the sky lights provides much improvement to the light inside the hall and resolved a leak which would occur like clockwork during inclement weather and film nights!

The bench on the green has been refurbished. The large tree is to be pruned which should reduce the amount of bird droppings on the bench. Alternatively, it may be decided to re-site the bench away from the tree, as the PC has done with the bench by the barrack memorial in HM.

There is a pressing task for the committee in the coming year. That is to establish the detail in the terms of the lease which runs out in 2035. It has been the understanding of the committee that at the end of the lease, the VH committee will have the option to buy the land on which the hall stands.

Anyone who has had the pleasure of reading a lease from the 1930's will understand that they are difficult to follow. We have taken legal advice and Clause 5 within the lease in fact stipulates that the land owner i.e. Grove Park Estate may choose to buy the building at the end of the lease, or indeed sell the land. In that scenario, the committee will have to knock the hall down returning the land to its previous condition.

The next steps are to contact the Estate by letter via the agents, Godfrey Payton. Legal advice will also be sought in writing the letter. For continuity of care for the hall, we must know at the earliest opportunity what the plans are for the land by the Estate. In any case, the Village Hall must continue to raise funds to either;

1. buy the freehold of the land the hall sits on in 2035
2. buy a plot of land to rebuild a Village Hall
3. amend the lease before 2035 i.e. extend the lease term for another 100 years or other terms that may be negotiated.

Over 2019, we have decided to increase the number of film nights to include the summer months, when we usually have a break. We have 2 Skittles Nights planned as well as a music quiz and the Remembrance lunch in November.

Cllr R Hales

Community Centre Report

Another year on and much work has been carried out by the community centre committee. At last the original community centre roof has now been made waterproof for years to come. New led lighting was installed in to the main hall and a new suspended ceiling. The main hall has been repainted in a beautiful light grey colour

The new entrance and lobby was installed along with a fully functional new kitchen.

The new sign on the front of the building looks amazing, and will look even better when all the planned refurbishments have been done. The committee have organised many events over the last year including bingo, cookery demonstrations the scarecrow trail to name but a few.

The committee have worked hard to achieve all that has been carried out this year. With more plans in the pipeline for refurbishment to include new toilets an extra separate rentable room and for the coffee bar to be modernised and the surrounding outside space planted.

We thank the parish council and everyone who has supported our events which enables us to achieve the work we have done.

A big thank you must go to Julia Smith and her committee for their hard work and dedication given to the Budbrooke Community centre. They keep this centre in the best possible conditions they can allowing it to be used seven days a week.

Dave Shirley

Open Door Management Committee

In September, the Parish Council responded to the Open Door's plea for assistance to keep going in the financial difficulties that they found themselves in. The Council responded with a one off financial contribution to keep the Open Door's community work in place, gave advice on means to reduce their outgoings and introduced them to other organisations that may be of assistance.

Since the New Year the situation has improved and they have set up a management committee, for which they have asked the Parish Council to provide a representative. The Council are happy to do this and will continue to help the Open Door in any way that they are constitutionally able. The Council are continuing to provide help and support via this committee.

Cllr D Bryan

County Councillor's Report

Budget

Council set a budget of 3% for general use plus 2% ring fenced for adult social care. This is the last year we can apply the social care premium as we await the social care green paper to determine the future for social care funding.

2019/20 is the last year of our current One Organisational Plan and cabinet and leadership team are already working on 2020-2025 corporate plan.

Despite the challenges these are the highlights of our budget:

£6.8 million in children's social care to meet costs of increasing numbers of looked after children, more support for moving from care to independent living, plus additional £2.8 million for children's transformation fund to reduce demand for children's social care.

£7.3 million for elderly citizens and vulnerable adults and support greater integration between health and social care.

£1.1million for home to school transport to meet increased demand.

£400,000 for New compactors at our recycling sites to meet demand

£300,000 to create capacity in digital and technology investment to ensure service redesign.

£2.0 million for a new Early intervention, Prevention and Communities capacity fund

£1.0 million revenue to generate additional capital for investment in infrastructure.

£2.0 million to maintain and enhance our work to ensure a vibrant Warwickshire economy including £1.0 million over 4 years to deliver City of Culture projects to maximise opportunities for Warwickshire.

£30,000 to continue supporting the Armed Services Covenant.

Additional £300,000 to extend our homelessness project to 4 years working without Borough and District partners.

£500,000 to support transport solutions for communities focused on rural isolation and supporting vulnerable groups.

Economy and Skills

CWLEP has the strongest growth of all the UK LEPs between 2009 and 2017

Productivity (gav) per job filled is also best for the UK

Largest exporting area outside London and 2/3 rds of West Midlands exports

53 foreign direct investment projects in 2017/18 creating 3621 jobs

An independent assessment by BEIS for OECD case studies said,

Dynamism of local economy a major strength,

Improving productivity, falling unemployment, increased business start-ups

Strong local entrepreneurship ecosystem- start-ups, scale-ups, innovation.

Warwickshire has continued to promote apprenticeships including role in WCC.

Health

In February I lead a public interest debate on the motion: the Council believes that an integrated care system focussed on communities is the right way forward for the Health and Well-being of citizens in Warwickshire. This was approved and confirms our direction of travel working with all health partners from GP,s to Acute hospitals. It is also the Coventry and Warwickshire year of Well-being promoting that we are all responsible for our own well being.

We are also delighted to welcome Sir Chris Ham , former chief executive of the Kings Fund, as the independent chair of our Coventry and Warwickshire STP.

Over the past few months we have been working with the voluntary sector, community and health to develop a framework for Social Prescribing in Warwickshire with common parlance and map the good work already happening so we have the same offer for all our citizens.

Fire and Rescue

Our chief fire officer retires 1 April and we have appointed the deputy chief fire officer from West Sussex as our new chief. During the year Warwickshire was in the first tranche of fire and rescue service national inspections under the new police and fire inspection regime. We received a rating of good.

We also signed an MOU with West Midlands Fire and Rescue for co-operation including training and cross boundary working.

Our Fire and Rescue commenced a Hospital to Home transport taking elderly people home from hospital or to a Care home when no other help is available and to prevent longer stays. They are settled in and a return visit is made to carry out a safe and well check of the house.

Highways

Warwickshire has been awarded joint top place in the Ips- Mori national survey of road conditions and repairs, 3300 people in Warwickshire were interviewed within a national total of 100,000.

We are recruiting additional highway engineers to help deal with the pressure of housing development.

We have maintained our winter gritting buying a new to us fleet of updated gritters.

Transformation

The new operating model is now operational.

Monica Fogarty is appointed Chief Executive with 3 directors for people group, communities group and resources beneath . Service delivery and commissioning of services is delivered by 13 assistant directors which include the Director of Public Health and the chief fire officer .

Our new website is operational and will be further enhanced., including a remodelled call centre operating as the front door to services at WCC. We are working on more service transformation using digital access and models of support.

Councillor Les Caborn

March 2019.

WDC Cllrs Peter Phillips & Alan Rhead

This report is made on behalf of your two District Councillors Councillor Alan Rhead and Councillor Peter Phillips and we can report on the District's achievements over the last period and our own involvement.

A. We have both been on the Executive and held the Portfolios for Housing and Property Services and Development; in those roles we have placed emphasis on the following:-

1. Plans are now well advanced for a new community stadium and athletics track at Europa Way. This development will also include c.200 affordable homes, 50 of which will be provided by the Council and

the balance by Waterloo. In addition, there will be a hotel, pub and community centre based around the stadium, which may include a health clinic of some form.

2. One of the biggest challenges we face as a society is providing enough homes at affordable prices for our children and grandchildren. Every council has a role to play here. For example, over 1,000 affordable homes have been built since 2015 representing more than 40% of all major developments, which is the target set down in the Local Plan.
 3. We have opened a 24/7 hostel in Leamington for rough sleepers and homeless and in the six months it has been operating nearly 100 people have come through its doors, many of whom have now been helped back into the community or reconnected with their families. Overall the Council is putting £3 million over three years into this initiative along with the County Council, driven by Les Caborn.
- B. We have both been pushing through the Executive and the Council important measures in respect of new technologies for new house building in the District. Alan has persuaded one developer to construct 8 houses with complete renewables and water saving technologies; In February and now with officers, Peter has instigated new measures so that we incorporate ideas from the Sustainable Development Foundation into building for new Council Houses.
- C. Plans are well advanced to acquire sites for up to 500 new Council Houses in the District in the next four years.
- D. Importantly for existing Council Housing, Peter took through Council, measures to ensure that all our council houses will have an Energy Performance Certificate of at least D with a longer term aim to take this to C.
- E. We are more than half-way through a program to upgrade our tower blocks following the Grenfell fire in 2017. Rather than just doing the minimum safety upgrade we have also looked at the aesthetics of the tower block and how they are perceived by residents, and have invested in completely new interiors in the common areas more akin to what you find in private tower blocks plus revamping the outside of the blocks. Even our hard-bitten MP was highly complementary of the work the Housing team had done.
- F. Alan has also been closely involved in the comprehensive development of the major sites in East of Kenilworth, South of Coventry and South of Warwick/Leamington Spa. It is only by setting out design briefs in these major sites that well designed applications are comprehensive and in empathy with their surroundings;
- G. There are specific project boards for each of these major sites and Alan has been liaising with the County Council Highways and Education so that he has an opportunity to help steer on the phasing of new highways and schools which are so important to accommodate all of the new housing emanating from the approved Local Plan;
- H. This last 6 to 18 months, following WDC support to King George's Playing Fields in Barford, we have successfully sought from the District Council funding to help save Norton Lindsey's pub and build a new Norton Lindsey village hall; the Council has also provided important funding in support of the community centres at Bishops Tachbrook, Whitnash and Chase Meadow. These are all important projects to ensure that rural communities continue to be sustainable. Over the last 4 years we have spent £4 million of the new homes bonus on community projects, largely in the rural areas.
- I. In support of the police in Leamington, your Council is upgrading the CCTV to help in the fight against crime and provide community protection.
- J. The Council provided a much-needed grant to the Playbox Theatre in Warwick so that an access could be constructed without which their car park could not be usefully used. This has resulted in the Theatre increasing their footfall and allowed them to return to being sustainable.

- K. The Council has set down plans to ensure that both St Mary's land in Warwick and Newbold Comyn in Leamington Spa can continue to be protected. We reiterate that there will never be any housebuilding on Newbold Comyn despite persistent rumours.
- L. Plans are also well advanced for a substantial country park running across the south of the towns between Warwick Castle, through to Bishop's Tachbrook and eventually onto Newbold Comyn. This will ensure that Bishop's Tachbrook will always maintain its identity as a separate community to Warwick and Leamington. We are also looking very closely at how to complete the riverside walk from Leamington to Warwick following the move in a few years of the athletics track.
- M. The Council is ensuring that there is a complete cycleway from the Woodloes through to Aylesford School.
- N. There are now two completely refurbished leisure centres at St Nicholas and Newbold Common parks. These refurbishments have been so successful that we have now exceeded one million visitors and they have yet to be opened for a complete year. Kenilworth is next to benefit.

- O. Alan as the District's 'Procurement Champion' has secured with the Procurement team that all District contracts insist on a plastics policy which demonstrates how the contractor will reduce and/or avoid plastic usage. This will form part of the award criteria.
- P. On air quality the District has imposed a planning policy that all new homes must include electric car charging points and are working with the County Council on how to improve air quality especially in the south of Leamington near the station, and also exploring opportunities for electric buses.

Public Comments

Residents queried what could be done about 3 unused vehicles at the front of a property, one is on the verge the other 2 are on the property itself.

PC recorded a thank you to Andy Allsop who did the recent Defibrillator training.

Resident queried new management structure of WCC with Cllr Caborn & asked clarification on planning issues.

Adult Social Care - no information yet available about when it's likely to be available.

Switch & Save electricity and gas leaflets available from Cllr Caborn.

Leamington Park & Ride query - Cllr Rhead said plans have been included in development of the Asps area.