



Minutes of Budbrooke Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2019 via Zoom

Present: Cllr M Dutton, Mrs K Dutton, D Bryan, M Treacy, R Hales, D Shirley, A Thomas, members of the public, WCC Cllr L Caborn, 1 member of the public

Apologies: WDC Cllrs A Rhead & J Matecki

Chairman reported format of the meeting. Chairman thanked Cty Cllr Les Caborn for his contribution to BPC over the last several years. Cllr Caborn thanked the Chairman and commented how much he has enjoyed his time. Chairman thanked Cllrs for their contributions this year.

BB Charities - Cllr Mrs Dutton has finished in her role as Clerk after 24 years, a new Clerk is taking the reigns, thanks to Cllr Mrs Dutton for her work.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Budbrooke Annual Parish Meeting, held on 2nd May 2019, were approved. There was no 2020 meeting due to coronavirus restrictions.

Annual Reports 2020-21: 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 to May 2021

My annual report provides an overview of the work the Council did the last year.

When the government put restrictions in place due to the coronavirus pandemic, it stopped the normal work arrangements for the Parish Council. For a short time, Councillors and the clerk corresponded via email on matters that required comment or action. Once we could, we set up video meetings using Zoom, and as required these were open to the public, so details were made available on the Council's website, on the noticeboards, via it Facebook presence and in the Newsletter (once restrictions allowed these to be delivered safely again). As I write this report, we remain under meeting restrictions, but plans are in place for these to be removed so we can meet in public again.

As usual, all planning applications were viewed, and comments were made to WDC Planning Department. In particular, meetings between the Chairman of the Parish Council, the developers of both Miller Homes and Bellway sites, and WDC planners are being held monthly to try and sort out issues that affect residents – a dedicated email address has been established to facilitate communication between all parties Budbrookepc2021@gmail.com .

Both playgrounds continue to be checked weekly and are general in good order.

Trees and hedging has been planted in Styles Close as part of BPC's rewilding policy, in conjunction with WDC.

The Montgomery Avenue site, designated as a Centenary Field in Trust, and the Council's signage will be constructed later in the year.

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.

Report on the Open Door Management Committee - Cllr David Bryan

The Open Door has been busy for the past year as the hub for the COVID 19 local Community Volunteer team. However no Management Committee meetings have been called.

Community Centre Report - Cllr Dave Shirley

The community centre had a few changes over the last year. Michael Edwards took over the chair from Julia Smith. Michael and his committee continue doing a sterling job trying to improve the centre. The Covid outbreak has made it impossible to have any fundraising events. The committee have gained two new members. So the future is still looking bright for the community centre.

Village Hall Report

Due to the Covid pandemic, the Village Hall has been closed to all user groups since March 2020 and will not reopen until the nation does, in June 2021. The hall received the £10,000 government grant in 2020 which went some way to replace the lack of user group income over the year. As Covid restrictions are lifted, the committee are agreed that a priority for 2021 is to better understand the position regarding the remaining Lease on the building and to take steps to safeguard its future for all residents.

Cllr Rhonda Hales

Report to Parish Councils for 2020 to 2021 and onward to 2021 to 2022

This report is dominated by the year of covid and its effect on the council and the citizens we serve. In October 2019 WCC embarked on replacing all IT with Microsoft Pro 365 computer systems for all staff and councillors as part of our transformation programme. This proved to be timely as when Covid struck we were immediately able to allow all staff to work from home. This meant as well as giving at times 24/7 support on Covid the day job was able to carry on. All staff not only worked on their usual role but on other roles to deliver our covid response.

Public Health lead on our covid response being granted Beacon Status and mentioned for our vaccine success on a ministerial broadcast. We established infection control teams for South Warwickshire , Rugby and North Warwickshire , these teams working with boroughs and districts . these teams offered advice to businesses, care homes and schools etc.

Adult Social Care and commissioning has been commended by care homes for its excellent support including PPE from our own warehouse and prompt passporting of funds for care coming from central government . it also worked with all hospitals to minimise delays in hospital discharge for all needing support ensuring no one stayed in hospital longer than needed.

WCCs Test and Trace has helped keep positive rates down and our 6 testing sites and outbreak pop up sites have delivered 155000 tests and continue to do so.

To plan and deliver our WCC future and Covid recovery , 3 documents have been produced and are publically available

1 the Council recovery plan

2 the Director of Public Healths annual report

3 the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Boards Strategy 2021 - 2026.

These concentrate on recovery for business, mental health , and inequalities of race, finance education and health across all our communities.

As part of this recovery we have launched a Property Company to build property including housing and maximise our return for the taxpayer on property disposal.also established our Recovery Investment Company to support business recovery and business startups to preserve and create jobs . £2.4 m has been invested in Mental Health with focus on young people and Dementia.

As portfolio holder ,Chair of HWBB ,and chair of the Covid members engagement board ,I have been involved on behalf of WCC with all Health partners and WDC to deliver our covid response and the change in the Health system with the introduction of one Clinical commissioning Group and the progress of the National Scheme to move to an Integrated Care System for Warwickshire which sets in statute that all responsible for de;ivering care and health at any point to you will work together .

i have worked with parishes to produce road Safety Schemes although some are yet to be delivered but all funds are secured .

finally this is my last report to you as County Councillor as I retire at the May 6 th election. It has been a pleasure to serve as your County Councillor for the past 16 years and I wish you all well for the future .

Thanks you for your support and friendship.

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Councillor Les Caborn

Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health

This report is from your two District Councillors, Councillor Alan Rhead and Councillor Jan Matecki.

We can report on the District's achievements over the last period and our own involvement. One important matter is the closer joint working with Stratford District Council, where the intention is to consider a South Warwickshire 'Super' District Council, subject to a report from Officers confirming the perceived advantages to all of our residents.

Councillor Alan Rhead:

I am currently on the Executive and hold the two Portfolios of the Environment and Neighbourhood Services. In those roles I have placed emphasis on the following: -

The Climate Emergency is regarded by your Council as the biggest challenge facing not only the Council, but all of its residents. Despite the pandemic (which has had a large effect on the Council's budget) the Council's Officers have worked on several environmental fronts in support of its target for being a zero-carbon council by 2025. These include: -

a). Appointing a Climate Change Programme Director who is part of the Corporate Management Team (CMT).

- b). The Council has agreed to place £0.5 million in its current budget to address climate change (this despite challenging times resulting from the loss of income as a result of the pandemic).
- c). The Council held a Peoples' Inquiry into climate change, independently facilitated, and this Inquiry has provided a set of recommendations. The Council has committed to implement those recommendations or set out why it is unable so to do.
- d). Engaging consultants to provide a feasibility report on the creation of both a hydrogen hub and a solar farm as an alternative or in addition to electric vehicles, particularly HGV's and buses.
- e). The Council has secured external funding of £744,000 to address energy efficiency and carbon reduction in the Council's public buildings. Together with the Council's match funding of £150,000, 185 tonnes of CO₂ per annum will be saved.
- f). The Council is embarking on installing LED lighting in its external lighting infrastructure.
- g). Submitted Expressions of Interest (EOI) to the LEP for a Bike Share Scheme estimated to cost £700,000 but with a potential income stream of c.£300,000 pa.
- h). Working with WCC on a Park & Ride scheme at the ASPS development which will include electric buses.
- i). Reviewing proposals for external operators for a Car Club using EV only.
- j). Signed contracts with BP Chargemaster for 50 EV charging points in the Council's facilities.
- k). The Council has a single use plastics policy which, together with the refill scheme, will reduce the amount of plastic used within the Council's departments.
- l). As a precursor for a major tree planting project (over 160,000 trees), a mapping exercise has been commissioned as the first important step.

Under Neighbourhood Services there have been a number of important steps taken including: -

- a). Going out to tender for a new waste contract which has taken advantage of the close joint working with Stratford District Council. The eventual contract will be for waste collection throughout both Warwick and Stratford Districts.
- b). Developing the detail behind the proposed new Tachbrook Country Park which was a commitment within the current Local Plan. It is the intention to submit a planning application in the near future.
- c). Following an extensive public consultation exercise on the future of Newbold Comyn, a planning application has been submitted for the first phase for a network of mountain bike trails. Other phases will be considered at a future date.
- d). An extensive programme of thinning and replanting has been undertaken at Oakley Woods which is designed to promote wildlife and plant life.

e). New car parking charges have been set. While these changed charges are usually reviewed for January implementation, this year they have been delayed due to the pandemic. The Council took the decision to provide free car parking during the pandemic to assist in the help for local businesses in the town centres.

f). 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

Locally I have attended meetings to try and resolve the traffic problems emanating from the new developments.

Councillor Jan Matecki

I am also currently on the Executive and hold two Portfolios, Housing and Property as well as Culture.

For Housing and Property we have achieved the following:

Increasing the Council's housing stock by purchasing Section 106 housing from developers, which includes 25 homes in Bremridge Close, Barford.

Embarked on a building program to increase the housing stock further, with 51 new energy efficient homes being built on Europa Way, with other sites identified for development.

Established a local housing company, Milverton Homes Limited, which is fully owned by WDC. It's aim is to provide homes for rent at market rent levels and to develop sites for both market sales and for the Council's housing stock, which in turn will provide a new and diverse income stream for the Council.

Secured £1.35m of grant funding for a project that will see 50 of the least energy rated Council homes undergo a whole house energy refit. This will not only improve their energy ratings but will reduce energy costs for the individuals and will also improve air quality.

Released a new Housing Allocations Policy which meets latest legislative requirements and allocates affordable housing in a fairer manner, ensuring those in the greatest and genuine need get the greatest priority. It also eliminates loop holes which allowed individuals to register for social housing when they were not in need of housing.

At the start of the pandemic the Council provided accommodation to all homeless and rough sleepers before the government announced their Everyone In policy. We have helped over 80 individuals to be kept secure, with the vast majority remaining to be housed and supported. Some have secured permanent tenancies.

Released a new Homelessness policy for consultation, which would see a new approach of housing the homeless in their own accommodation and the support services they need being brought to them.

Closed William Walsgrove House, the homelessness walk in hostel, so it can be converted from dormitory style accommodation into individual rooms. We found during the pandemic that individuals were far more likely to stay in accommodation where they had their own rooms, and with everyone taken off the street it was felt that the need for dormitories, which can accommodate far more individuals, were no longer needed

Switched electricity supply to 100% renewable and green electricity to all Council corporate buildings, reducing their carbon footprint.

Provided CCTV at Oakley Wood Crematorium to enable more people to attend services remotely during the current restrictions. These will continue in the future.

For Culture we have achieved the following:

Support for Everyone Active, who manage our leisure centres, during the pandemic to ensure that the facilities remain available for people to use once allowed.

Secured a £170k grant to support our cultural services during the pandemic, to ensure that places like the Spa Centre and Pump Rooms could open as soon as lockdown restrictions are lifted.

Have been awarded 2 events for the 2022 Commonwealth Games, Lawn Bowls to be held in Leamington and Road Cycling that will start and finish in Warwick.

Secured funding for the relaying of the lawn bowls greens in Victoria Park Leamington to an international standard. This will not only benefit the Commonwealth Games, but will leave a legacy for the staging of more international tournaments, which will attract more visitors and further benefit the area.

Improved Victoria Park with newly laid footpaths. Not only are they new but they are smoother and brighter, and overgrown foliage has also been trimmed back.

Commenced a project to provide a new Wayfinding scheme in time for the Commonwealth Games. This will help both competitors and spectators during the games, and will also be another lasting legacy which will benefit all tourists in the future.

Early last year, to further promote the creative sector in our District, we held our first SPARK conference for the coming together and sharing of ideas of that industry. This year the event was held remotely due to the current restrictions, but was still very well supported and productive.

Locally I have assisted families in securing housing, as well as those requiring modifications to their homes through the HEART service.

Meeting Closed at 7.30pm