



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 8th APRIL 2019 AT 7.30PM
AT SPEEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Cllrs Cathryn Davies (Chairman), Roger Craft, Miv Hughes, Tim MacGillivray, Jean Roberts, Philip Suter, Liz Patient and Carl Etholen (County) .Clerk – Frank Post. No members of the public.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr Peart (District) had made his apologies.

2. REPORT POLICE.

None.

3. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Etholen highlighted the following;

- Judicial review of new proposed Unitary Cabinet structure, based on concerns of proportionality between existing County and District Cllrs, has been withdrawn.
- Current Chief Executive is transitional CEO
- Confirmation of the closure of Bledlow and the implementation of charges for non-statutory waste.
- Plan being formulated to resurrect Bledlow with the establishment of a community interest company
- Existing District and County structures will remain until elections in May 2020
- Subsequent election in 2025 is likely to see Councillors reduce from 147 to 96

Cllr Etholen also provided an update on the “plane and patch” pothole repair programme.

4. DISTRICT REPORT

Not tabled as Cllr Peart not present.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Davies noted the following:

- The welcome addition of two new Councillors – Tim MacGillivray and Jean Roberts
- The focus during the year on playground enhancements and traffic calming
- The establishment of MVAS volunteers and rota schedule
- The establishment of a Litter Blitz
- The continued scrutiny of planning applications
- The extension of devolved services for another year (grass mowing, etc) utilising the Princes Risborough maintenance team

6. LACEY GREEN PLAYGROUND REPORT

The report from Cllr Hughes highlighted the following:

- The focus over recent years to upgrade and refurbish play equipment and surfacing, including the provision of equipment for smaller children
- The resiting of the picnic tables and a new bench seat
- The addition of new bins and signs
- The impending addition of a new multiplay unit this year

7.PARISH ACCOUNTS AND PRECEPT

Cllr Craft circulated the provisional financial report 2018/9 and noted the following:

- Income for the year (£33.4k) uplifted by contributions toward the Garden of Rest
- Expenditure below budget (£19.6k) due to reduced levels of maintenance costs and no major playground purchases

Cllr Craft also stated that the budget for 2019/20 had been set at £39.8k to provide for a new climbing unit and an additional MVAS, as well as additional resources for general maintenance.

8.OPEN FORUM

A general discussion took place regarding the range of traffic calming measures that could be applied across the Parish.

Meeting closed at 8.30

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