

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on 18 May 2017**

Present Cllr Cliff Archer(Chairman) Cllr Andy Collins (Parish & District)
Cllr Geoffrey Hyde Cllr Ina Littlefield
Cllr Jacky Sheppard Cllr Jane Towers
Cllr Rachel Perri

In attendance District Councillor Penny Plant
District Councillor Jonathan Brown
Fifty-four residents

Apologies County Councillor Viral Parikh
Cllr Stephanie Cecil
Cllr Philip MacDougall
Diana Beale (Resident)

Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone and ran through the fire and safety and evacuation procedure to follow in case of emergency.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 April 2016

Minutes were not available.

Chairman's Report – Cllr Cliff Archer

The Chairman wished the Meeting to record a special vote of thanks to former Parish Councillor Barry Leighton, who had died during the previous year, for his significant contribution to the work of the Parish Council. Thanks were also expressed to former Parish Clerk, David Siggs, who had served the Parish Council for eleven months before being replaced by Caroline Davison on 9 May 2016. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Rachel Perri - recently co-opted Parish Councillor - to her first Annual Parish Meeting as a Parish Councillor.

The Chairman reported on the outcome of the Parish poll by the District Council on the Chidham & Hambrook **Neighbourhood Plan** held on 13 December 2016. Out of a 1661 electorate, turnout was 31% and 94% were in favour. Occupied homes in the Parish had increased from 846 in April 2016 to 938 in May 2017.

The Chairman described the numerous Parish Council and Parish events and activities that had taken place over the preceding 12 months.

Parish Organisations – Presentations

Eight organisations in the Parish made presentations on their aims and activities:

Maybush Copse – Stephen Johnson

Maybush Copse Friends are holding several events, details of which can be found on www.maybushcopse.info.

CHALKS lunches - Delph Archer

Sociable Lunches are held at the Village Hall on the 1st Friday of the month throughout the year. The charge is £5 per lunch.

Village Hall - Tim Towers

An overview was given on the Village Hall's history back to 1830's. There are currently 12 trustees looking after the Hall. There has been a new ramp installed, patio, toilets, heaters and new ceiling insulation. The hall is booked on a daily basis and revenue has doubled in 4 years. The next phase is for new windows, cladding and a false door being fitted to the western wall at first floor level to improve the appearance, refurbish stage area, replace main roof. Rod Isted, former long-serving Village Hall Committee Chairman, was thanked for his vision and drive. A prime user of the hall is the **Film Club** who meet regularly.

Chidham WI - Janet Holder

The WI meet once a month to enjoy learning about jam making, cake making, flower arranging which help people build new skills. They also arrange theatre trips, cinema, walks, swimming and lunches. The County Federation also offers a Craft Club, a choir, annual sponsored walk, craft courses, and art club.

Chidham Church - Rev. Paul Matthews, Vicar

An overview was given of the Church's history, blessing of the plough, ancient local traditions, lighting the new Easter fire, weddings, baptism (30 in first year), funerals, school visits, flower festival, Sunday club in the vicarage, family services, toddler groups, youth group, messy Church. The Church is looking to extend the churchyard to continue to give each resident a right to be buried there.

CHANE Residents' Association – Richard Weavis

A description of the re-introduction of the Residents' Association was given. It has been reformed and has a new constitution. It offers social events such as quiz nights, skittles and a barn dance.

Chidham School - Claire Murphy, Head

An overview of what they had been involved with over the past year was given. They had visited the Globe Theatre, London, during harvest made scarecrows, were involved with Red Nose Day, they have a new minibus and are promoting reading at home, sports and the Tesco fork-to-field projects, to name a few.

FINCH – Cliff Archer

FINCH stands for *Friends in Nutbourne, Chidham and Hambrook*. It is a helping organisation whose volunteers visit those who say that would welcome a visit, take people to keep hospital, etc. appointments and undertake small tasks, such as light gardening and retightening loose screws.

Reports by District Councillors

Councillors reported that the boundary for Chidham & Hambrook Parish had changed and it now crosses over into a different ward. Three levels of local government were explained – Parish Council, Chichester District Council and West Sussex County Council and what their budgets were and how they are spent.

Reports by Parish Councillors

Planning - the Parish Council Planning Committee meets every 3 weeks and the public were invited to attend etc speak about planning applications they may have concerns about. There were 55 applications considered over the past year.

Open Spaces - an update was given regarding the maintenance of the Broad Road play area. New signage was to be installed in the area to exclude dogs plus a public noticeboard to be installed in the area. People were asked if they wanted to join the allotments waiting list and told that Pynham Meadow would also involve a community orchard. An update was given as to the ownership of the open spaces. Footpath 258 was to have a fence removed and it was reported that both Hawthorne Meadow and Pynham Meadow were in process of being transferred to the Parish Council.

Financial Update – the Clerk gave a report which is attached to the minute book.

Question Time/Open Forum

A27: Residents were invited to express their views on the proposed changes to the A27. The district councillor ran through the latest position and explained that the public were invited to comment.

Broad Road: It was noted that this had a poor footpath and that traffic speeding and parking was as an urgent issue.

Vision for the Future – Closing Remarks

The Chairman gave a personal view of some projects that might be considered for the future. A convenience store, pavement along the west side of Broad Road, village centre, cricket pavilion, parish council office and highways maintenance by the parish council were all considered.

The Chairman closed the meeting