

TIDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfred's Rd, Sedbury.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mr S Ford – Chairman, Mr R Birch, Mrs S Bollen, Ms N Bullivant, Mrs H Molyneux, Mr R O'Toole, Mr J Powell, plus PC Nick Assirati, Natalie Lang PCSO and 12 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** were received from Councillor S Gregory, County Councillor P Molyneux and Mrs Janice Hamilton.
- 2. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th April 2015:** Having given the public time to read the Minutes they were approved and duly signed.
- 3. Matters Arising:** Councillor Birch and Mr Colin Pears commented on the still appalling state of the local roads, and Mr Pears expressed concern about the length of the existing Amey contract and enquired of its termination date. Information to be requested from District Cllr Patrick Molyneux.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** Mr Ford welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting. Mr Ford read his Annual Report and thanked councillors for their hard work during the past year.
- 5. Police Report:** PC Assirati gave his report detailing crime figures in the area. The figures show an overall reduction in crime with detections up 50%. PC Assirati confirmed that from around June 2016 both he and Natalie Lang will move from Lydney to be based in Coleford. Glos Police are still committed to maintaining a hub in the Forest of Dean. PC Assirati confirmed that he is treated as a county wide resource and may therefore be called at times to other areas of Gloucestershire. Locally he is committed to working closely with Wyedean School and visits other schools in the area. Natalie Lang deals with speed checks in the area – some local people have been caught recently. The recently installed CCTV cameras appear to have been successful, although some sources have reported that criminal activity may have been displaced to other areas by them. The initiative of targeting particular types of crime by other officers continues to run. The Neighbourhood Co-operative Group (NCG) will be re-convened on an ad hoc basis to avoid holding unnecessary meetings. Cllr Molyneux asked if the re-opening of the old Wye Bridge had made an impact on crime figures – PC Assirati replied that this does not appear to have made a difference. Mr Mayo expressed concern over speeding on A48. PC Assirati replied that police cannot chase speeding vehicles and that Natalie Lang is to attend a meeting on the wider speeding issue in the area. Cllr Birch commented on the increase in 'yobbish' behaviour. Cllr O'Toole asked for information on an increasing number of vehicles travelling seen with one headlight. PC Assirati replied that offenders would be given a 'ticket' which would be rescinded if the fault was repaired within 10 days.

6. Tidenham Parish Council Committee Reports:

Amenities Committee – Councillor Bullivant, Chair of Amenities Committee, gave an overview of her report and thanked members of the committee for their work. Mrs Sue Pears asked what was being done about the Buttington play area fence. Cllr Bullivant reported that a quotation for replacement fencing was being sought and that clearance of the broken fencing will be cleared as a priority. Hazel Evans reported some dangerous waste at the bottom of Danes Hill (to be looked into) and that the grass at Tyler's Way/Park View needs to be cut - Amenities committee to report to Glos Highways Dept.

Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee – Councillor Powell read his report. Councillor Birch thanked Cllr Powell for the detailed background work he conducted prior to Planning Committee meetings

7. To Receive Financial Statements from:

Tidenham Parish Council – Councillor Ford thanked the Clerk for the Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring information. There were no questions about the accounts.

Mopla Cottages – Councillor Bollen reported that a lot of work had been carried out at No 1 Mopla Cottages which was now almost complete and the cottage now in excellent condition. Both cottages have been rented for the past year. A grant of £5000 had been made to Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall charity.

8. To Receive Reports from:

Tidenham War Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Trust - Councillor Molyneux read the report from the Hall Chairman.

Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall Charity – Councillor Ford gave an overview of his report as Chair of the management committee. The meeting was being held in the newly refurbished hall and an overview of the works carried out was given. The Hall income/expenditure is around £5000 per annum. Mr Ford thanked committee members and announced the Village Fair on 22nd May.

Poor's Allotment Trust – Councillor Molyneux gave an overview of the report as treasurer to Poor's Allotment. Mr Colin Pears asked about the payment to Offa's Mead Academy which was paid to an anonymous family recommended by the Head who were in financial difficulties. Mr Mayo asked if Poor's Allotment could make a donation to help people get to the graveyards – the charity would need to know who. At this point the re-instatement of Dial –a –Ride on Thursdays in the area was discussed. A meeting was to be held at the Village Hall week commencing 18th April. Hazel Evans asked if leaflets could be put up to

advertise the great work that CAB do. Councillor Molyneux is in touch with Hospice at Home to see if help can be offered to people with terminal illness.

9. Items Submitted by the Public:

There had been no items submitted.

Councillor Birch expressed disappointment at the number of people present, particularly District councillors, other than Helen Molyneux, and the County Councillor who had sent apologies due another meeting coinciding.

Mr Mayo commented that on a recent walk to Devil's Pulpit he noticed that the footpath had been re-done and that the stones had been removed, although others present had recently seen them.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm