

WRINGTON PARISH MEETING

Held on 7 March 2018 in the Memorial Hall, Silver Street, Wrington, BS40 5QE

The Parish Council Chair, Cllr David Glynn, opened the meeting at 7.00pm. Approximately 30 residents and Parish Council members were in attendance.

1. Welcome

Cllr Glynn welcomed residents to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Roberson, Cllr Ledbury and Cllr Lankester.

3. Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 4 May 2016

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 4 May 2016 were signed as a true record by Cllr Glynn.

4. Presentations:

‘Neighbourhood Planning – Issues and opportunities raised by Claverham’s Neighbourhood Plan’

Nigel Cooper, Chair, Claverham Future

Nigel Cooper gave a slide presentation on the process of developing and preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. Questions were invited from the floor and the meeting discussed how and whether this could be implemented in this parish. Cllr Glynn stressed a Neighbourhood Plan could not be used to prevent development but it could help influence and shape it. Cllr Glynn thanked Nigel Cooper for attending the meeting.

‘People and wildlife in rural North Somerset – One without the other could be a disaster’

Chris Sperring, MBE, Hawk & Owl Trust

Chris Sperring gave a slide presentation on how there has been an estimated 65% decline in British wildlife over the past 40 years and what individuals and the community could do to help. Questions were invited from the floor and the meeting discussed the potential environmental impacts of the Cox’s Green development. Cllr Glynn stressed that the recording of wildlife sightings was key as without records developers could claim wildlife would not be endangered by development. He encouraged those present to report sightings to Bristol Environmental Records Centre and also proposed to introduce a dedicated page on the Council’s website. Cllr Glynn thanked Chris Sperring for attending the meeting.

‘What’s special about the parish landscape and its character?’

The potential impacts of large scale development and road construction

Georgie Bigg, Chair, CPRE Avonside

Georgie Bigg gave a slide presentation which explained the aims of the CPRE, how it had been involved in the preparation of Claverham’s Neighbourhood Plan and introduced the CPRE’s new guide, ‘What’s special about the parish landscape and its character?’. The guide contains advice to help community groups develop strong landscape policies in their Neighbourhood Plans to help influence future development decisions. Cllr Glynn thanked Georgie Bigg for attending the meeting.

5. Chairman's report and financial statement for the year 2016/17

Cllr Glynn summarised the reports, copies of which were available in the meeting. Questions were invited from the floor. One resident asked about why the income from the Memorial Hall was not shown in the Council's accounts. Cllr Glynn replied that Wrington Memorial Hall & Recreation Field Committee was an entirely separate entity with its own accounts which were readily upon request or from the Charity Commission's website.

6. Reports from North Somerset Council

Cllr Deborah Yamanaka – District Councillor's review

Cllr Yamanaka summarised her report, copies of which were available in the meeting. Cllr Glynn thanked Cllr Yamanaka for her report.

7. Reports from local organisations

• **Twinning Association**

Annabel Scott gave a slide presentation on the work of the Twinning Association. Questions were invited from the floor and one resident enquired about the association's finances. Annabel Scott confirmed the association was self-supporting but had also received a small grant from the Parish Council. Cllr Glynn thanked Annabel Scott for attending the meeting.

• **Legge's Charity – Gabrielle Wilson**

Copies of the report were available in the meeting.

• **Wrington Parish Charities – Richard Thorn**

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8. Open Forum/Questions to the Council

A resident asked for an update on the Silver Street highways safety scheme. Cllr Glynn reported that funding was in place following receipt of a grant from Bristol Airport but a change in NSC's contractor had led to a delay. There were also some minor issues to be resolved. However, a meeting was scheduled with NSC so he expected the scheme to be finalised in due course.

A resident raised the issue of the recycling contractors dropping litter. Another resident said she had been told by NSC that operatives were instructed to pick up litter if they had dropped it but not if it fell/blew out of the vehicle. The meeting discussed litter in general and one resident wanted to compliment the contractors for catching up so quickly after the recent severe weather.

An update on the Cox's Green development was requested and the meeting discussed the plans, whether the affordable housing could be restricted to local families only and what money might be available for sporting facilities.

Cllr Glynn thanked those present for attending the meeting and with there being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.32pm.

Copies of all reports and slide presentations are available in the Minute Book.