

WRINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on 27 March 2019 in the Memorial Hall, Silver Street, Wrington, BS40 5QE

The Parish Council Chair, Cllr Rawlins, chaired the meeting which opened at 7.00pm. Approximately 120 residents and Parish Council members were in attendance.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed residents to the meeting. Cllrs Greenwood, Neve, Yamanaka, Lovell, Taylor and Robinson introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Steinbach, Jervis, Lankester and Bigg.

3. Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 7 March 2018

The Chair proposed this item be discussed at the end of the meeting to give residents time to read the Minutes.

4. Chair's report and financial statement for the year 2017/18

The Chair proposed to discuss the financial statement at the end of the meeting to give residents time to read it. The Chair explained that the Council was in a 'pre-election' period which placed restrictions on what Councillors could say. Therefore, she would not be presenting a Chair's report but information on the Council's activities could be found in the newsletter. The Chair drew residents' attention to the reports from the Legg's Charity and the Wrington Parish Charities, copies of which were available on the chairs.

5. Presentations:

Tina Huckle-Mills, Village Agent

'Rural Connections in North Somerset'

Tina Huckle-Mills introduced a new initiative called 'Rural Connections in North Somerset'. The scheme, funded by North Somerset Council, the National Lottery and Bristol Airport Community Fund, and delivered by the Village Agents, helps facilitate and support older people to connect and help reduce loneliness (leaflets giving more information were available on the chairs). The Chair thanked Tina Huckle-Mills for attending the meeting.

Baz Hamblin, Bristol Airport Consultative Committee

'The function of consultative committees and their growing importance'

The Chair explained that Baz Hamblin would be talking about the role of the Consultative Committee and could not discuss the airport's current planning application to increase passenger numbers to 12 million per annum. Baz Hamblin explained that the role of the committee was to improve the understanding between the airport, the community and local authorities by acting as a 'critical friend'. More information on how the committee worked and how residents could raise any issues could be found on the airport's website. The Chair invited questions from the floor. Residents asked about noise meters, how environmental concerns were represented and expressed disappointment at not being able to discuss the planning application. The Chair thanked Baz Hamblin for attending the meeting.

Tony Harden, Wrington Village Alliance, and Jan Murray, Churchill and Langford Residents Action Group

‘Are you aware North Somerset are proposing that 3000 houses should be built just south of Wrington?’

Tony Harden gave a slide presentation (copy available in the Minute Book) on the proposed ‘garden village’ development south of Wrington. He explained the geographical reasons the site had been selected and why, in real terms, it was unsuitable for development. Finally, he discussed what the implications of the proposals are for local villages and what actions residents can take if they oppose the proposals.

Tony Harden introduced Jan Murray from Churchill & Langford Residents Action Group. She gave a report outlining the role of the group and how residents could object to the proposed development (see report in the Minute Book).

The Chair invited questions from the floor and residents asked about the viability of alternative locations of the development, the rationale behind the demand for additional housing, the need for affordable housing, the provision for schools, doctors, etc, to meet increased resident numbers, sustainability, transport issues and the timescale for the proposed development. The Chair thanked Tony Harden and Jan Murray for attending the meeting.

6. Questions to the Council

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 7 March 2018 and the finance statement for 2017/18 were signed as a true record by the Chair.

The Chair invited questions from the floor and a resident updated the meeting about nuisance problems and breaches of planning regulations at Gatcombe Farm. He hoped a new planning application would regulate the use of site and make enforcement possible.

The Chair thanked those present for attending the meeting and with there being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

**Cllr Rawlins
Chair**