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Shrivenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly
Held On Tuesday 18th May 2010
At 7.30 pm
In The Memorial Hall, Shrivenham

The Annual Parish Assembly was preceded by the formal naming of the Vic Day Hall.

In attendance: Cllr Mrs S Day (Chairman of Shrivenham Parish Council), Cllr B Watson (Chairman of the Viscountess Barrington's Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Trust), County Councillor Mrs A Fitz-Gerald O'Connor, District Councillors Mrs E Ware and P Saunders, 39 Parishioners, Mr P Anderson (Clerk to the Council and Secretary to the Trust)

1 Welcome

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Mrs Day, welcomed all those present to the Annual Parish Assembly and explained the format for the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Howell (Village Fete Committee), Roger Powell (Bowls Club), Sarah Rainer (Junior Football Club), David Uren, Vivien Moss.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 11th May 2009 were received and signed as a correct record.

4 Matters arising

None.

5 Parish Council Annual Report

Cllr Mrs Day, Chairman of the Parish Council, read the Annual Report for 2009/10 (Appendix 1). The report had been prepared by Cllr C Holman who had been the Chairman during that year. On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Mrs Day thanked Cllr Holman and his Vice-Chairman, Cllr G Tidmarsh, for their hard work during the year.

6 Written Reports

The Annual Parish Assembly received written reports from the following Members of the Shrivenham Parish Council:

Financial Report - Cllr Mrs S Day (Appendix 2). Cllr Mrs Day explained that the Year End Accounts had not yet been closed. Any questions on the final figures could be answered after 25 May.

Environmental Report- Cllr K Downton (Appendix 3)

Planning Sub-Committee Report - Cllr G Tidmarsh (Appendix 4)

Report of the May Day Sub Committee – Cllr R Bartle (Appendix 5)

Report of the Organisation and Finance Working Group – Cllr R Bartle (Appendix 6)

- 7 Annual Report of the Viscountess Barrington's Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Trust

The Chairman of the Trust, Cllr Watson, introduced the Annual Report for 2009/10 (Appendix 7). The report was read by Cllr Mrs Day who had been Chairman during that year.

- 8 Written Report by County Councillor

The Annual Parish Assembly received a written report from Cllr Mrs Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (Appendix 8)

- 9 Written Report by District Councillors

The Annual Parish Assembly received a written report from District Cllrs Mrs E Ware and P Saunders (Appendix 9)

- 10 Written Report by Village Planning Group

The Annual Parish Assembly received a written report from Cllr B Watson, Chairman of the Village Planning Group (Appendix 10).

- 11 Written reports from local clubs and organisations

The Annual Parish Assembly received written reports from local clubs and organisations (Appendix 11).

- 12 Questions

Parishioners were invited to ask questions in respect of the oral and written reports which had been presented, as set out above. In response to a question from Mr J Lloyd, Cllr Mrs Day stated that there were no plans to fell the Horse Chestnut trees immediately adjacent to the football ground in the Recreation Ground in the immediate future. Mrs N Pratt asked how oversubscribed The Glebe housing project had been and the Chairman estimated this at three times the number of available properties (i.e. approx 52 applications for 14 properties). Mr I Jones noted the reference in the Minutes of the 2009 Annual Parish Assembly to the condition of the roads in the Parish. Twelve months on and nothing had happened, indeed the condition of the roads had deteriorated. He asked the County Councillor to explain this situation. Mr J Lloyd, Mrs E Day, Mrs P Hockley, Mr B Watson, District Cllr Mrs Ware and Mr G Tidmarsh all asked questions on the same subject, drawing particular attention to the

likelihood of accidents and the dangers to cyclists. County Cllr Fitz-Gerald O'Connor explained that the severe winter had contributed greatly to the poor condition of the roads. The County Council had changed contractors for dealing with pot holes and it was hoped that this would lead to an improvement in the situation. This problem was not limited to Shrivenham, there were similar issues all over the County. There was a freephone telephone number available for reporting pot holes that needed attention. She could not say how long it would be before the situation in the Parish improved, but promised to enquire as to how the priorities for dealing with highway problems were determined, and what the programme was. She also agreed to ask how much had been paid out in compensation for damage to vehicles. In conclusion, Mr Jones commented on the poor quality of recent pot hole filling work and noted that the Bourton turn-off work was already starting to collapse.

Mr Jones noted the recent improvement in local bus services and encouraged everyone to use them. Mrs N Pratt asked whether the Friday late night bus service from Swindon could be replicated on every night and County Cllr Fitz-Gerald O'Connor agreed to enquire. In response to a question from another Parishioner she stated that, because of the recession, the eastern expansion of Swindon had slowed down.

Mr D Allen asked whether steps could be taken to stop vehicles parking on the pavement outside the Post Office and various ways of curbing this were discussed.

Mr Lloyd complemented the Hall Supervisor, Mrs Trudi Twitchen, and her husband Martin, on their efficiency and helpful attitude, which was very much appreciated. This was heartily endorsed by the Assembly.

District Cllr Ware addressed the Assembly on the new refuse collection arrangements that were due to come into effect on 4 October 2010, and showed two of the new bins that were soon to be distributed to all households in the District.

13 Any Other Business

None.

The Assembly rose at 8.25pm