



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2024

6.45 PM TO 7.15 PM

BLUE ROOM, LANDFORD VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions – Cllr Mary Davies (Chair, Landford Parish Council)

The Chair welcomed all speakers and members of the public to the meeting.

2. Wiltshire Council – Cllr Zoe Clewer (Redlynch & Landford Division)

Cllr Clewer provided a comprehensive report on the work of herself and Wiltshire Council over the past year, including information on WC's investments in leisure and libraries across the County, and shortlisting for awards including We're Tackling Fly Tipping with cameras and prosecutions on the up and an outstanding rating in Children's Services. Zoe advised that she has now taken on the Portfolio for Communications and is working with Cabinet members and officers across a range of topics, including Highways, social media, the website and My Wilts App. Highways remains a priority with additional funding towards potholes, white lining and the delivery of a new bobcat machine. Additional funds are also going towards drains and gulleys. Achievements over the past year have included the SID on Partridge Hill, the fixing of street lighting, noting of the condition of all roads within the parish, providing flood support to Beech Grange, remedying the pipeline at Lyburn Road, seeking a holistic solution for Hamptworth road, Pound Hill and Glebe Lane, assisting with the Highways Improvement projects, providing advice on road reclassification for Glebe Lane, consulting on Wild about Wiltshire, and liaising with the rural crime team.

3. Wiltshire Police - PC Marc Evans (Neighbourhood Police Officer)

PC Evans informed the meeting that he had been in post for 2 weeks, prior to which he held a 25 year military career. He will be covering the villages of Hamptworth and Nomansland and would be monitoring crimes in the local area and monitoring trends. He welcomes reports from parishioners on any concerns, especially in relation to vulnerable neighbours, strangers knocking on doors, and unmarked vans and their potential to indicate rogue traders.

4. Community Speedwatch – Mr John Fairhurst

Mr Fairhurst advised that Community Speedwatch (CS) work closely with Wiltshire Police, notifying of any hotspots and advising of the results of traffic monitoring. The SID at Pound Hill had now been taken down for resiting at Redlynch, and that the data from the SID on New Road is being passed onto the Police monthly. Due to the high number of visitors to the area, there are concerns over speeding particularly as drivers leave the New Forest. CS welcomes

any actions or campaigns in relation to road safety, especially vigilance in respect of horseriders and children. There is lots of information to be found on the OPCC website.

5. Landford Parish Community Partnership – Mr Ian Mettam

Mr Mettam advised that the LPCP is an independent group started in 2007 out of the Community First Initiative. The Group first issued a questionnaire to all residents and the results edited into a Plan in 2008. This was followed by a second questionnaire and Plan. The LPCP Committee has no powers, but seeks to support locals in any actions of benefit to the Parish. The LPCP Directory was intended to be self funding; it however generated additional funds which the LPCP now seek to issue as grants for local projects. Such grants have been provided for the installation of dog waste bins and more recently offered in support of a kissing gate. Dr R Nelson has set up a local cycling group to support safe cycling and an event is being held in May. The LPCP have recently reviewed their Constitution and Terms of Reference and considering a review of the Directory. The LPCP provide a welcome pack to all new residents.

6. Landford Area Footpath Volunteers – Mr Mike Craddock

Mr Craddock advised that the purpose of the LAFV is to ensure that Public Footpaths throughout Landford Parish are maintained in good order. It is an independent group, founded in the early 1970's and open to anybody who wishes to be involved. Working parties are normally on alternate Wednesday mornings in the winter months, usually October to April, inspecting and clearing footpaths throughout the Parish. The LAFV check signposting and where necessary use an informal system of waymarking where the route of a path may be unclear. They also try to respond at any time of year, to problems with paths experienced by members of the public. The Group liaise with the County Public Rights of Way Officer, who assists with any fallen trees, damaged gates or stiles that the LAFV are unable to deal with. Each year, reports are provided to the Public Rights of Way Officer and to the Parish Council, of the work undertaken on each path, and of any issues requiring further attention. The LAFV also get involved in consultations where landowners wish to permanently change the route of a Public Right of Way, or put in a Permissive Path alongside an existing PRW. They publish a Footpath Guide, usually on sale at Landford Village Stores, describing all the paths in the Parish. A new edition is in the course of preparation.

7. General Public Comments and Questions

A comment was made regarding speeding once drivers leave the New Forest.

There being no other matters for discussion, the meeting was closed at 7.25 pm.