

DRAYTON BASSETT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 29th April 2013 @ 7.30p.m.

Present:	P Millard	Chairman
	A Edmond	Councillor
	B Reynolds	Councillor
	S Potts	Councillor
	M Monk	Internal Auditor
Apologies:	S Harris	Councillor
No Apologies:	G Hemus	Councillor
Parishioners:	Linda Hayes, Simon Robson, Judith Haden-Homer, Jonathan Iddon, Ian Waddell, Mo Smith, Viv Patchett, Bernard Patchett, Anne Foley, Janet Watson, Dave Bryant, Paul Shears, Lynn Shears, David Davies	

Chairman P Millard opened the meeting and welcomed the parishioners to the Annual Assembly.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2013 Annual Assembly

New Village Hall

At last year's meeting the suggestion of building a multi-purpose building for use by all the Village Groups was discussed. Parishioner Viv Patchett was going to raise this at their next WI meeting, however, this issue was never progressed.

At this year's meeting Viv Patchett highlighted that the WI were getting more concerned about the lack of use and the condition of the building.

Viv also stated that the land is freehold but held with a 'charity' status so if the WI decided it was no longer viable to use in its current form then under the terms and conditions the land / and or building would have to be given to / used for community use.

Chairman Millard advised that the Sports Pavilion takes most of the money that the Parish Council are given from the precept and the building is only used for the monthly Parish Council meeting and by the football team.

Chairman Millard suggested that this is something that could be looked into and if anyone would like to be involved we will move forward.

Village Notice Board

Chairman Millard advised that following a request at last year's Annual Assembly to relocate the Notice Board, a new Notice Board has been purchased with an area for parishioners to put up their own notices and this has been re-located to outside the Village Club car park.

Village Signage

Chairman Millard advised that this issue is still on-going as the Parish Council is struggling to gain the approval of the land owner to erect new decorative signs on his land. Chairman Millard and Councillor Reynolds are still looking to progress to a conclusion in favour of new signage.

It was suggested that we purchase new signs for the land that doesn't belong to the landowner and this will be taken into consideration.

Acceptance and Signing of Minutes of the 2013 Annual Assembly

The Minutes of the 2013 Annual Assembly were circulated to those present.

Chairman P Millard requested approval of those minutes in order that they could be signed as a true recording of the meeting.

Approval was given and the Minutes were duly signed by Chairman P Millard.

Presentation of Accounts

Maxine Monk, Internal Auditor, presented a summary of the Annual Accounts (appendix 1).

No questions were raised.

Annual Report of the Women's Institute (WI)

Anne Foley reported on the previous 12 months activities of the WI (appendix 2).

Viv Patchett walked through the events that have taken place in the WI or organised by the WI.

Church Update

Judith Haden-Homer gave an update on the activities of the Church over the past 12 months (appendix 3).

The new Reverend, Jonathan Iddon, took the opportunity to introduce himself to parishioners.

Introduction from Simon Robson new Head Teacher of Manor Primary School

Simon Robson attended to introduce himself to parishioners as the new Head Teacher of Manor Primary School.

Annual Report Village Club

Linda Hayes presented a summary of the previous year's activities on behalf of Peter Hayes (appendix 4).

Chairman's Report

Chairman, P Millard presented his report (appendix 5).

HS2 Update

Mo Smith and Stuart Potts gave an update on HS2 (appendix 6).

Community Groups Plan

Chairman Millard advised that he is looking to set up a Community Group consisting of two members from each individual Village Group and two people to represent the parishioners, to co-ordinate, oversee and communicate Village events with the aim of bringing all the Village Groups together to ensure all Groups achieve maximum attendance and to improve the community spirit of the Village.

Chairman Millard to write to each Village Group asking for two members to join this group, the more senior the volunteers the better, with the ultimate aim of organising a big event next year.

Newly Updated Website

Chairman Millard raised the awareness of the newly updated website and encouraged parishioners and Village Groups to use it. The new website allows Village Groups to advertise upcoming events etc and is very user friendly.

Open Forum

Chairman P Millard opened the meeting to the parishioners to raise any concerns, issues or indeed anything positive that they felt needed attention or highlighting.

Sports Facilities: Football & Tennis

The sports facilities were discussed and one parishioner advised that they weren't aware that Drayton Bassett had a football team who played regularly on the playing fields.

Chairman Millard advised that there is also a tennis court which he felt not many parishioners use but he believes people from outside the Village do. Chairman Millard stated that someone from outside the Village approached the Parish Council some time ago with a view to using the tennis court to teach the younger members of the Village to play, however, there was no interest shown from the previous Head Teacher to promote this to the school children. Chairman Millard stated that this may be something that the new Head Teacher may be interested in.

Parish Clerk to produce a notice for the Notice Board making parishioners aware that there is a tennis court available.

Village Voice Submissions

Linda Hayes asked that if anyone would like anything including in the Village Voice then they should send or speak to her direct.

Thanks

Chairman P Millard passed on his thanks to his fellow Councilors who try to make a difference in Drayton Bassett.

Chairman P Millard also passed on his thanks to Lisa Millard, Parish Clerk, for her efficient work in liaising with other official bodies and organizing the Chairman and other Parish Councilors and continuing support from Matthew Ellis.

Chairman P Millard also thanked the Villagers who have helped input or participate in Village life.

The meeting finished at 8.50pm