

DRAYTON BASSETT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 21st April 2015 @ 7.30p.m.

Present: P Millard Chairman
 A Edmond Councillor
 B Reynolds Councillor
 S Potts Councillor
 G Hemus Councillor
 M Monk Internal Auditor

Apologies: I Watkins Councillor

Parishioners: Jude McIntyre / Janet Watson / Lynn Shears / Linda Hayes / Simon Robson /
 Viv Patchett / Bernard Patchett / Judith Haden-Homer / Paula Acton

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2014 Annual Assembly

No matters were arising.

Acceptance and Signing of Minutes of the 2014 Annual Assembly

The Minutes of the 2014 Annual Assembly were circulated to those present.

Chairman 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 Millard.

Councillor Edmond proposed the signing of the Minutes as a true recording of the meeting and Councillor Reynolds seconded.

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)

Viv Patchett reported on the previous 12 months activities of the WI (appendix 2).

Church Update

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

Annual Report on Manor Primary School

Simon Robson gave an update on activities in the school during the past 12 months (appendix 4).

Annual Report Village Club

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

HS2 Update

Stuart Potts gave an update on HS2 (appendix 5).

Chairman's Report

Chairman, P Millard presented his report (appendix 6).

Open Forum

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

Village Green Trees

Parishioner, Paula Acton, asked whether it would be possible to plant a real Christmas tree on the Village Green? Chairman Millard advised that we can only plant indigenous species.

It was suggested that Paula Acton could co-ordinate with the Church and organisers of Carols on the Green and organise the erection of the Christmas tree at the same time.

Use of Village Sports Pavilion

Parishioner, Linda Hayes, asked if there were any plans to demolish the existing Sports Pavilion building and build a hall on the WI land?

Councillor Millard stated that the Council have looked at the possibility of applying for a grant but this would need to be organised by a Village Group committee and not just one entity.

Removal of Dog Waste Bags

The question was asked as to why the Parish Council decided to remove the supply of dog waste bags from the waste station?

Chairman Millard advised that the waste station couldn't be filled quickly enough and it was found that parishioners were taking more than one bag at a time.

Chairman Millard mentioned to Simon Robson, Head Teacher of Manor Primary, that the Council had tried in the past to involve the school in an Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign whereby the pupils drew pictures and the best picture won a prize. Head Teacher, Simon Robson, confirmed he was keen to be involved. It was agreed to award a £250.00 prize for the best picture; £50.00 to the pupil and then £200.00 for the class to do something as a group. Councillor Edmond to liaise with Simon Robson.

Thanks

Chairman P Millard passed on his thanks to his fellow Councillors 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 Councillors.

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

The meeting finished at 9.00pm