

FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Falfield Village Hall

Present

Parish Councillors: Mrs J Hathway (Chair), Ms E. Jarvis, Mr K Fryer & Mr C Murton

Clerk: Mrs D. Bramley **Public:** 5 Parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Ward Cllr John O' Neill

2. Report from Chair

Councillor Hathway gave the following report: **Annual Report for Falfield Parish Council May 20th May 2014.**

"The Council continues to meet 6 times a year. During the year we have achieved on behalf of Falfield Parish the following:

- June • Safer Stronger Community Group Meeting (SSCG), Inspection of Parking on Sundayshill Lane and further meetings regarding the Streetcare changes.
- July • Parish Council Meeting.
- Aug • Site visit to Eastwood Park Conference Centre & further meeting regarding Streetcare changes.
- Sep • Parish Council meeting, inspection of paving stones around the war memorial, Parish asset repairs carried out by working party from HMP Leyhill.
- Oct
- Nov • Mr. Beecroft, the Governor of HMP Eastwood Park came to the Parish Council meeting to tell us of the developments being proposed for HMP Eastwood Park in the light of the reorganized national prison service.
- Dec • Inspection of B4061 with Rob Wiltshire, Carol Singing with WI, St George Church and Parish Council which raised money for 'Save the Children' and 'The Children's Society'.
 - We noted the very important issue of the Planning Applications Services, i.e. going Paperless and the need to obtain a computer and projector to view plans at a Parish Council Meeting.
- Jan • Parish Council meeting.
 - An extra meeting was called to discuss a planning application.
 - SSCG meeting.
- Feb • Very successful meeting with HMP Eastwood Park.
- Mar • We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Clive Williams, who had served Falfield Parish Council well in previous years. The Council showed their respect by attending Clive's Memorial Service in early April.
 - The Big Spring Clean - 15 adults & 8 children came out to clean up the parish. We were grateful for the use of St George Church as our original meeting venue was unavailable. Bacon butties & hot dogs were served to those that took part.
 - Severn Vale Area Forum Meeting to discuss funding for Sundayshill Parking scheme.
- Apr • SSCG Meeting where litter etc. on M5 Junction was discussed.
- May • The first Beat Surgery took place on Thursday 15th May 2014.

Throughout the year we have kept up with the many planning applications that are put forward for Falfield Parish.

We are also very grateful to our Clerk Mrs. Dawn Bramley for all the work that she does behind the scenes. Her knowledge & efficiency is most appreciated & we hope that she continues to be our Clerk well into the future. I would also like to thank you all the parishioners who regularly attend our meetings and support us in our endeavours. It has been a good year & we hope that in the coming 12 months the Parish Council will do its best to meet the needs of the Parish in the ways open to them."

3. Financial Report from the Clerk

The Clerk gave the following report:

"The 2013/2014 Statement of Accounts and Annual Return Form (Sections 1 & 2) have been finished and circulated to councillors so they can be signed off at the Annual Council Meeting. The Internal Audit was completed in April resulting Section 4 of the Annual Return Form also being completed.

The Parish Council ends the 2013/2014 financial year with a closing balance of £9,522.61. Of these funds £3,825.00 are earmarked to: cover any election costs and provide a village hall contingency fund. The remaining unearmarked funds have increased this year due to changing the Parish Councils insurance company but they are still less than appropriate for a small Parish Council with no other source of income. Therefore they still need to be increased to bring them in line with the precept.

Only two grants were awarded last year of £30 to the Falfield & Stone Brownies and £30 to the Benefice Newsletter. The Parish Council was also successful in their application for a New Homes Bonus grant for asset preservation work, most of which has been completed."

4. Items Raised by Electors of the Parish

None

The meeting closed at 7.43 pm