

Annual Meeting of the Parishioners of Merton

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30 ON 20 MAY 2019

PRESENT: Tony Bradley (Chairman Parish Council) AB
David Richardson, Jo Copping, Steve Kelly, Lucy Katz (Councillors) DR/JC/SK/LK
IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public.
T. Charlesworth (Clerk/RFO Parish Council) TC

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. S. Ward and L. Cox.
2. MINUTES: **RESOLVED:**
 - 2.1. To Confirm minutes of Annual Meeting of the Parishioners of Merton held on 14 May 2018: Previously signed by the Chairman at the Parish Council meeting held on 16 July 2018 M6/18 – 5.2.
3. CHAIRMAN'S/FINANCIAL REPORT: The Chairman presented his report (*see below*) the year. AB
4. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT(S): None present.
5. REPORTS FROM GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES:
 - 5.1. Website: The Parish Council is currently working on a new website.
 - 5.2. Social Media/Magazine/Facebook: Communication with the village will continue through the 'Facebook' page and the parish magazine; this will include an introduction to the Oxford Cavaliers; fixtures (provisional dates to be provided by club) etc.
 - 5.3. Traffic Calming Working Group: A public meeting was held with a supportive forty-one members of the public present. A working group of twelve has been set up and are in the process of organising a follow up meeting; proposed date 3 June 2019; to consider its objectives and a questionnaire.
 - 5.4. Merton Community Woodland Committee: The committee has lost one member and it is hoped to recruit a new member soon. The group reformed in September and currently meet at the woodland every other weekend and are proposing to meet on a monthly basis during the summer months; there is currently £170.00 in petty cash from sales and £1,092.73 in the bank. The group is monitoring damage to the woodland gate and will carry out repairs if needed. The Parish Council to consider/approve spending from the 'Woodland Fund' to purchase a horse friendly latch for the gate nearest the village end of the woodland. MPC
 - 5.5. Oxford Cavaliers Rugby Club: Representatives thanked the Parish Council/Parish for allowing them to utilise the facilities; the response has been beyond expectations; children's involvement has grown and over seventy people have spectated and following on from the concerns raised at the public consultation; the parish council are pleased to say that having attended training sessions there are no problems to report. A list of things that the parish Council can help with is to be drawn up; it will source helpers; positives from the use of the facilities has been 'Health & Safety' checks; the changing room facilities have already been tested for Legionnaires Disease; the field has been thoroughly checked using metal detecting and any findings dealt with appropriately; checks will continue. Discussions regarding the formation of a sub-committee will be for the future; current arrangements will continue; the club has obtained a bar licence; the Parish Council will continue to make arrangements for the grass cutting (to decide on limit if it is a wet season); the club will maintain a monthly account and make donations to the parish council; Cllr. LK will look at an online booking diary; Parish Council to consider permitting St Helier's the facility to camp in order that they can play and proposed training camps for the summer. The Parish Council took this opportunity to express it's thanks to Mr Kerr for all his support.
6. OPEN FORUM: None.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30.

Draft Minutes subject to Confirmation.

Approved and Signed by the Presiding Chairman

Date