

Annual Parish Meeting Shotteswell, held on 10th May 2016 at 7.45pm

Present were: Cllrs Faulkner (Chair), J Burgess, V Ingram (Clerk), A Omer, Cllr Williams WCC

Apologies: Cllr M Pearson. Cllr B Dala Mura

Members of the Public: 9

The Chairman opened the meeting.

The Chairman's Annual Report had previously been circulated to the community,

The Chair of the Village Hall Committee summarized the activities of the Village Hall Committee in a similar vein to the Village Hall's Annual Meeting, held in November.

A lot of work had taken place over the preceding twelve months, which largely focused on the refurbishment of the hall, with new lights, colour scheme, curtains and new fire exit lighting. The Chair stated that it had to be appreciated that with an old building there would always be some work to be done.

Recent activity had been to complete a Health & Safety and Fire Risk assessment. The Fire and Rescue Service had advised a new door fitting (crash bar) to the double doors. Should the capacity exceed 120 persons then some work would be required to the front door, although such large numbers were a rarity, work to this door would be quite costly.

Still, under discussion is the possibility of licensing the premises, a fact-finding meeting was to be held on the Thursday following this meeting, but no decision is likely to be made until the July meeting.

Cllr Ingram thanked the Chair and his committee members and all the decorating and design volunteers for their hard work on behalf of the community.

Cllr Dala Mura SDC was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a report. Unfortunately, the Chairman had been unable to open the report on his computer. It was decided that should this be remedied this would be added to these notes.

Cllr Williams was invited to give his report on behalf of the County Council  
The report sent prior to the meeting was not read out.

Cllr Williams encouraged the community to fill in the online survey about living in Warwickshire and it appears there is an opportunity to suggest how WCC can improve life. There are prizes to be won such as a ticket to Warwick Castle for completing the survey.

Cllr Williams said that money was going to be tight and it was a case of what could we go without?

Cllr Williams mentioned the role of the Snow Warden and said that this should not be something that the Parish Council undertakes. Cllr Williams also stated that there was training available and volunteers could clear the roads of snow.

Cllr Williams asked to be excused from the rest of the meeting, but before he left was asked by Cllr Burgess about the gateway measures, in particular, the costs that had been quoted by WCC for the three road signs.

Cllr Williams stated that these were factual costs and if we didn't like it that's what it is and to put up the precept. Cllr Williams went on to say that should the Parish Council pay for the signs and erect

them, he would have them taken down.

Cllr Williams further stated that the County Council was not prepared to put themselves out for Shotteswell.

Cllr Burgess reminded the Cllr Williams that residents of the parish were entitled to the same level of service as everyone else given that we are all council taxpayers.

A request to see how the figure of £6,000 was achieved, given that the Parish Council had figures to confirm that the new signs including installation would be less than £1,000. Cllr Williams said that the Parish Council had been provided with the costs. Cllr Burgess confirmed that the council had not received this information and Cllr Williams stated he would get Deborah Poynton (WCC) to provide these figures the following morning.

Cllr Williams was asked about the mobile library and stated that this would probably be dispensed with Cllr Williams then left the meeting.

The Chair of the Parish Plan requested permission to give a report.

The year's activities had included a publication of a village edition of the plan in April 2015 and at an open meeting the opportunity for villagers to give their views on the plan as it then stood. Amendments had been made throughout the year and an action plan compiled. Residents had raised concerns at this meeting about potential development.

The last draft before submitting to the Parish Council had been made in August 2015 and sent to Parish Council for consideration but had already been sent to SDC for their comments. These had addressed issues and indicated that inappropriate comments were to be removed and matters raised centered largely on development.

The Parish Council had decided not to pursue a Village Design Statement or at this point in time, a Housing Surveys Needs. The last version of the plan is currently with the Parish Council for their consideration and that once this had been approved the final document will be published. The Steering group had suggested that they keep going.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.50pm