

Shutford Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 14th May 2025 at 7.00pm.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Ashley Taylor, Stephen Barnes, George Reynolds, Donna Court, Chris Hall and David Best, Parish Clerk. Also present were 3 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Lynne Parsons and Alison Hughes

25/001/APM	<p>Minutes of the last meeting: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2024 were a correct record and signed (unanimous).</p>
25/002/APM	<p>Chairman's Report:</p> <p>Over the past year, the Parish Council has continued to manage it's assets and carry out its duties and remit within the Village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had a new Councillor join us and we welcomed Donna Court to the Parish Council. • Lynne Parsons has decided to step down from the Council from May this year. We thank Lynne for all her hard work, especially with managing the allotments, collecting the rents, and managing the tenancies which has taken a good amount of effort to sort out! They are in good shape now though, so thanks Lynne for your work – it is much appreciated. • That means we have a vacancy on the Parish Council so there is a wonderful opportunity for someone to join us. As Helen mentioned last year, it is always good to have fresh energy and ideas within the Parish Council. Please get in touch with any of the Councillors or David Best if you like any more information as to what the role entails. • We reviewed a number of planning applications. Some are more straightforward than others and although we can give our views and support residents' views, Cherwell DC make the final decisions on whether applications are approved or rejected. There were nine application of which six were permitted, one was dismissed and two remain under consultation at this time • Regarding our finances, the precept was agreed to be increased by 5% to £8,463 – the first rise in a couple of years. This was agreed as necessary to meet rising costs virtually everywhere (dog poo bin emptying, grass cutting and tree management but to name a few) and to ensure that PC has sufficient funds to carry out its duties in coming months and years. <p>We also carried out the usual activities, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that all the allotments are rented out with rents collected from tenants and paid to Broughton Estates. All allotments are currently rented. • Managing the grass and verge cutting, including the increasing costs as mentioned earlier. We continue to support the mowing of the Churchyard. Some of the verges are deliberately left uncut in support of 'no mow May'. • Continuing to ensure that dog waste is not a blight on the Village including ensuring that the dog poo bins are used appropriately and emptied regularly. • We also ensure the same for the bottle banks which are a helpful asset to have in the Village. • Maintaining the Dairyground play area and the play equipment. A cover over the slide is planned to be installed this year to help protect the slide from bird dirt. • We have recently had some tree works done on the allotments on Plot Road and Lower End. • The annual litter pick was again carried out in April – many thanks to those who took part. The good news is that very little litter was found and we extend our thanks to the residents that regularly collect litter when they are out walking. • The Book Exchange continues to be well looked after and well used. Thanks to those that continue to look after it. <p>The Village continues to be a fabulous place to live, especially with the re-opening of the George & Dragon last May.</p> <p>As Chairman, I am very grateful for the support of my fellow Councillors and the Clerk, David Best, for all their time and effort on the Council. We are also very grateful for the continued support of our fellow Villagers.</p> <p>I would like to thank you all for helping make this such a wonderful village and special place to live.</p>

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2/004/APM	Open Forum for Parishioners: 20mph Speed Limit – Cllr George Reynold advised that this has not yet been passed by the OCC Cabinet but it is expected to be implemented soon.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7:15pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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