

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON 13th MAY 2024 AT 8PM
IN TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Turner, Cllr Doust, Cllr Fitzpatrick and Cllr Higley

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and one villager

1. Welcome/Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. To receive an Annual Statement from the Parish Council including a Financial Overview

The Chair gave the following report:

Traffic

Eureka after what has been a long and boring time our heritage finger signpost has finally been restored to it's original site, full marks to Councillor Fitzpatrick for her tenacity. OCC seem to be stuck in a time warp as in-spite of paying for their survey for double yellow lines outside the Old Red Lion we still await completion.

Unlike most local PC's we decided not to go down the 20 mph route but have kept our options open for the time being.

The condition of the local highways is appalling we report potholes eventually they get fixed, sadly we in common with many local authorities just have to plod on.

They did a small amount of work on Stant Hill but I feel it's only a stopgap due to the underground springs. We have however replaced with a straight pipe the ornamental spring.

Planning

In spite of our comments over various applications submitted to CDC and passed on to us for our careful consideration as to the impact proposals would have on building, individuals and indeed the whole village. Our aim is to preserve the rural aspect of the village. it is therefore disappointing when our observations are overruled by CDC.

Our major planning issue this year (23/00831/F) has been the proposed stables on the breast of the hill on Swalcliffe Rd. There have been major objections from both Tadmarton and Swalcliffe residents and following a meeting with the PC who advised an open meeting for the applicants Katie Lavin and her business partner, this proved to be unsatisfactory and we await a final decision from CDC in June.

Defibrillators

Following our decision to regularly check same which is done monthly; Apart from routine maintenance we have had no problems.

Grants

We decided that as the VH is a community asset we could be more forthcoming with finance to help and work closer together; to this end a lot of structural repair work has taken place and a complete overhaul of the frontage has taken place very satisfactorily and the commemorative seat installed.

Bridleway 12

I regret that little progress has happened with OCC and the Broughton estate battling and balling it from one to the other with Mr Yeomans sadly in the middle, the only word is ongoing!!

Financial Overview

The internal audit has been carried out. Income for the year was £13.5K and expenditure £17.5K.

3. Open Forum

The villager present congratulated the Parish Council and Cllr Fitzpatrick in getting the damaged finger post in Lower Tadmarton reinstated. Its an important asset of the village.

He asked about the double yellow lines proposed for the centre of the village. The Chair of the Parish Council noted the village consultation starts on 23rd May.

The damaged white gate on the outskirts of the village was discussed. It was hit by a car driver in March. The Parish Council have submitted an insurance claim and are waiting for payment before the gate is replaced.

There is no news on the equestrian planning application. The Parish Clerk will ask CDC and the new District Councillor for an update.

The allotments were discussed. There used to be annual judging and the presentation of trophies. This has not been done in a while. The allotments are judged twice in late May and early August. Independent people judge the allotments and this ensures they are kept to a high standard. It was agreed to do this again this year.

Action: Cllr Doust to contact the judges.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.