

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2006 AT 7.00PM

The following Councillors were in attendance: Cllr J Green (Chairman) Cllr J Parsons (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Catterall, Cllr J Faulkner, Cllr Mrs G Parsons, Cllr T Slater, Cllr C Redpath. Also in attendance Cllr Tony Hicks (County) and Mrs D Cook (Clerk), Mr E Brosnan (for end of meeting)

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs C Mitchell (personal)

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2005

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 11 May 2005 were agreed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Hicks, County Council Cabinet Member, to the meeting. As no members of the public were present at this point in the meeting it was noted that the Council needed to engage people in the village for next year.

The Chairman's report is attached.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Clerk gave the balance at the bank as £25,198.67 and presented the bank reconciliation as part of the monthly figures.

6. AVENING PARISH PLAN – Cllr Mrs G Parsons

Cllr Mrs G Parsons advised that good progress had been made on the Parish Plan in the last year – portfolios had been allocated to Councillors to improve efficiency, likewise committees had been set up. The website was up and running and being kept up to date. The newsletter was now in hand and the first edition would be out shortly. Various things had been addressed on the parish plan work list eg litter collecting. All this was down to the hard work of Councillors. The Council needed to encourage the future involvement of the public.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

Cllr Hicks spoke about his current role as Portfolio holder for Community Care at Gloucestershire County Council. The main issues faced were keeping council tax at the level set out in the manifesto, capital issues (for example schools with falling pupil numbers), social care and roads.

For the future – the pace of regionalisation has increased with fire protection and policing under notice. There are changes happening within the NHS that means the burden will be falling with GCC to support people in their own homes.

The following matters were raised with Cllr Hicks:

- The lack of cats eyes on roads – especially the Tetbury Road and Minchinhampton Road, it could be difficult to see at night and in bad weather. Cllr Hicks recommended that the Council identify the features that are needed (prioritise them) and formally request them with a copy to Cllr Hicks
- The road to Nailsworth – the required natural settlement was still taking place – the works had changed the channels of water flow and now it needed to settle. It was showing signs of doing so now and an 18 month timescale had been allocated to allow this to happen.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.45 pm