

**OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
13th MAY 2013
AT 7:00 PM IN OWSLEBURY PARISH HALL**

1. PRESENT

Councillor Anthony Manship – Chairman
Councillors: Malcolm Pallant, Roger Page, Ellen Catterson,

2. IN ATTENDANCE

County Councillor: Peter Mason
District Councillors: Rob Humby, Laurence Ruffell
Clerk to the Parish Council: Michael Cleary
Paul Williams - Chief Executive Winchester Area Community Action (WACA)
7 members of the public

3. APOLOGIES

Councillor: Gerry Tull (illness)

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2012 had been circulated and were unanimously accepted as an accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

5. PRESENTATION

Paul William, Chief Executive of WACA delivered his presentation setting out the role of WACA in helping local communities. He also outlined the Community Right to Buy legislation and the Right to Challenge. He responded to questions from Parishioners.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman delivered his annual report -

“The Play Area – This is now complete with on-going up-keep in hand. A new play structure was added this year, mid-range between the Toddlers and the Older Children’s Play Structures. Funded by the remaining funds raised by the Toddlers Group and the Open Space Fund. Excellent feedback has been received.

Police Coverage – Attendance over the year has averaged at 50%. We thank the Police for support offered to the Council. An ongoing matter of concern remains the beer cans thrown into the lanes from passing traffic.

Highways – The Council retains excellent relations with the Highways Team who have been under tremendous pressure this year with flooding. The Council is concerned though at length of time it takes for jobs to be carried out.

Parish Lengthsman – The Council is pleased to have the services of Chris Sparkes, Parish Lengthsman who serves a number of parishes paid for by Hampshire Highways. He has undertaken a number of tasks to smarten up the village, clearing grips, washing and trimming around road signs, sweeping pavements etc.

South Downs National Park – I attended an evening workshop where we were addressed on future plans and its identity.

Parish Plan – Councillors have this year been working on a guided parish plan under the framework of Blueprint. We have taken guidance from Steven Lincoln who is the Coordinator for WCC. The plan at present is in its draft format and will be sent out for consultation to every house in the parish during the summer. There will be a draw prize attached to ensure 100% return! The Council will receive funding of £500 to enable the final document to be published. This will be circulated to every household in the Parish.

A New Finger Post – The residents of Marwell requested a directional sign at the Whaddon and Hurst Lane corner, to support visitors to Marwell Zoo and Marwell Activity Centre and reduce the number of vehicles driving up and down our narrow lanes. The Council thank Marwell Zoo for the purchase of the sign, and Marwell Activity Centre for its installation. The sign is made from sustainable English Oak. The letters are to be blackened shortly, to make it easier to read from a distance.

Rights of Way – Issues of concern have been rectified following on-line reporting. Owslebury residents are requested to keep reporting hazards as they are noticed please.

Public Transport – Owslebury retains its limited bus service to Winchester. My thanks to Mike Cryer for attending Transport meetings to advocate for the parish.

Sports Clubs – Following joint meetings with the Football and Cricket Clubs the new Sports Licence is completed and ready for signing. After 35 years the licence in regard to the land underneath the Pavilion has expired and for the status quo to continue needs to be renewed. Discussion is in place with the Cricket Club as to how they wish to proceed.

Diamond Jubilee – The Clerk and I were proud to attend a special service of thanksgiving at Winchester Cathedral for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and her service to the nation.

Annual Litter Pick – Our thanks to Sue Marshall and Mike Cryer for coordinating this successful and well-attended event. Our thanks to residents, young and old for their attendance and work throughout the year.

Faster Broadband – My thanks to Peter Facey for his work, seeking to acquire faster broadband for parishioners.

My thanks – to all the Councillors for attending committee meetings beyond Owslebury, in particular to Cllr Page for his attendance at a play equipment safety meeting and Cllr Pallant for his attendance at Winchester Area Community Association meetings.

New Councillors – My thanks to Cllr Sharpe and Cllr Cryer for many years of support offered to the Council and me. Also to Cllr Pallant who sadly stands down from the Council this evening. His work and support to me as Chairman and the Council over past years has been very much appreciated. I am very pleased to extend our welcome to Cllr Ellen Catterson and Cllr Will Martin who have recently joined us.

My thanks – to the many District and County Officers who have supported the Parish Council through their specific areas of responsibility: Sports Grounds & Play Areas; Planning & Enforcement; Highways & Rights of Way etc.

My thanks – to the County and District Councillors for advocating for the parish regarding issues of concern at County and District Level. My thanks to Cllr Mason for continued financial support, offering grants towards our Christmas Lights and a new Church Noticeboard.

Finally, My thanks - to all those who have offered me support as Chairman over the past year. Parish Councillors; County and District Councillors; The Police; Parishioners and behind the scenes John Murray, our Auditor; John & Jaki Brown, our Webmaster; and Michael, our new Clerk.”

7. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Peter Mason presented his report on the activities of Hampshire County Council & the Hampshire Police Authority. A copy of his report is set out in Appendix 1.

8. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Councillor Rob Humby presented his and District Councillor Ruffell's report on the activities of Winchester City Council. A copy of their report is set out in Appendix 2.

9. POLICE REPORT.

There was no representative of the Police present and no report was available for the meeting.

10. AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2012

The Clerk gave a presentation on the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2012. He noted that overall there was a surplus of receipts over payments for the year of £4812; this was primarily due to the timing of movements in cash in relation to playground equipment purchases, and in the receipt of grants. A copy of his presentation is set out in Appendix 3. He responded to questions from Parishioners.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no other public questions.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman.....Date.....