

Landford Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of meeting held at Landford Village Hall on 2nd May 2012

Present

AA Westmore (Chairman)

Cllr R Britton

J Wright (Clerk)

10 Members of the Public

PC H Clissold

01/12 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor R Randall (WC) and Cllr Martin.

02/12 The minutes of the May 2011 meeting had been agreed and signed at an earlier Parish Council meeting.

03/12 Traffic within the Village

- a) PC Clissold reported that having done speed checks in the vicinity of the school he had observed that the new limit was generally being observed. This was confirmed by Cllr Harper but she also commented that it was not being observed at the top of Pound Hill where drivers were leaving the A36. PC Clissold agreed to move his speed checking further up Pound Hill. On being asked how many speeding drivers were local PC Clissold couldn't say but typically the majority are local.
- b) PC Clissold was thanked for doing speed checked just outside Beech Grange.
- c) Cllr Hewson expressed concern at the speed and over-taking behaviour of drivers along New Road.
- d) The Community Speed Watch scheme seems to be well embedded now, but the detector will need to be moved to other groups.

04/12 Crime in the Area

- a) Landford had not experienced the spate of burglaries and theft which had been seen elsewhere.
- b) A member of the public expressed concern that residents in Landford Wood were not getting much information from the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.
- c) The Chairman thanked PC Clissold for attending.

05/12 Activities of Southern Wiltshire Area Board – by Chairman Cllr Britton

- a) Cllr Britton stated his pride in what the Area Board had achieved and emphasised how effective its Community Area Manager (Tom Bray) was.
- b) £75k had been dispersed by the Board and this had helped about 60 community projects through Community Area Grants, Community Area Transport Group, Youth Related activities and the setting up of Job Clubs. There was also support for actions which encouraged local people to consider local jobs.
- c) Cllr Britton was pleased to note that Landford always had a representative at the Area Board meetings and not just when applying for a grant.
- d) He emphasised that the Board relied on Parish Councils to provide guidance on issues which needed the Board's attention.
- e) Cllr Britton reported on the visit by the Queen and Prince Philip on the 1st of May 2012 to Salisbury. He considered it a privilege that "our" Area Board Display had been visited by the Royal Party.
- f) Cllr Reynolds asked if the Parish Council could raise the matter of speeding buses with the Area Board, but a member of the public cautioned against "rocking the boat" as some people depended on the bus service.
- g) The need for Stock Lane and Landford Wood to have their "edges pushed back" was raised by both Cllr Hewson and a member of the public as a possible "issue" for the Area Board to consider.
- h) Solving the almost permanent flooding problems along Stock Lane was also suggested as an issue since WC Highways Dept seemed to be making no effective headway.

06/12 Summary of Parish Council Activity – by Cllr Westmore

- a) The Parish Council has kept the precept the same as last year.
- b) It has considered many planning applications in the last year under the Local Planning Authorities of both Wiltshire Council and the New Forest National Park.
- c) The Council has achieved the objectives it had set for the work in Maybush Copse.
- d) It has considered but rejected the idea for a Trim Trail on the Recreation Ground due to lack of interest.

07/12 Road Matters

- a) It was emphasised that the grooves in the road surface in Lyndhurst Road by Brookside were a hazard to cyclists.
- b) The recent flooding had demonstrated that the gulleys serving Glebe Lane were in need of clearing.
- c) Cllr Britton suggested that perhaps the parish should consider employing someone jointly with Redlynch to do these minor tasks.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m., when refreshments were available.