

Landford Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of meeting held at Landford Village Hall on 14th May 2014 at 7.30pm

Present

MJ Martin (Chairman)

Cllr L Randall

J Wright (Clerk)

19 Members of the Parish

01/14 Apologies

No apologies were received.

02/14 *The minutes of the May 2013 Annual Parish Meeting had been agreed and signed at an earlier Parish Council meeting.*

03/14 Community Wildlife Project – Ms A Peters (NF Land Advisory Service)

- a) The first year of the project has been of direct benefit to Landford, producing a Community Wildlife Plan for Landford and helping with the creation of a Management Plan for Maybush Copse. It is intended that the Community Wildlife Plan should be used as a working document by the Landford Environment Conservation Group.
- b) Over a slightly wider area the project has focussed on the River Blackwater, identifying land-owners and volunteers, and completing a survey of locations where Himalyan Balsam is rife. The work on the Blackwater will continue this year with planned fortnightly pulling of HB. The project is also trialling a simple to use kit for testing water quality in the Blackwater.
- c) The Living Record (a nation-wide online data-base for recording observations of wildlife) has been introduced to interested volunteers and records of butterflies observed in Landford have already been logged. It is also being used to record locations of HB and will be used to record the water quality measurements.

04/14 Update on Speed Watch – Mr J Fairhurst

- a) Last year the police did not have sufficient resources to cope with the amount of data produced but this has improved significantly this year because the Police Commissioner has allocated more resources to Community Speed Watch. Any vehicle travelling more than 50% above the speed limit or repeat transgressions results in a timely visit by a police officer.
- b) The Landford team has been boosted by the addition of three additional volunteers. This means that when it is Landford's turn to have the speed detector more monitoring hours will be possible.

05/14 Emergency Planning for Landford – Cllr L Owen

- a) The recent floods elsewhere in the county demonstrated that communities were able to cope best where they had an Emergency Plan.
- b) The Parish Council has tasked Cllr Owen to draft an Emergency Plan for Landford. For Landford, where flooding is not a major issue, the Plan is to be of a generic nature and applicable across a wide range of emergency events. For any plan to be of value it needs to have the involvement of the community in both its creation and its operation. It is not a plan of how the Parish Council will deal with an emergency but of how parishioners of Landford will deal with an emergency.
- c) Any plan needs to be readily available to whosoever is present when the emergency occurs and it must be tested.
- d) In the discussion which followed there was an emphasis on the importance of the Village Hall and the need for key-holders to be identified
- e) It was suggested that as one of the more common events in Landford was a failure of the electricity supply the means of obtaining a generator for the Village Hall at short notice should be explored.

06/14 Publicity for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was suggested that more publicity for the APM might result in better attendance e.g.

- signs on the verges
- a leaflet drop
- send information to Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for further dissemination
- ask the School to include it in the pupils' Information Pack

Cllr Randall observed that the attendance at Landford was much higher than many parishes achieved.

07/14 Road and Traffic Matters

- a) Parking around the School is still a problem with motorists parking on the pavement and on the bend. A School Governor suggested that road-markings prohibiting parking might help. The Parish Council was asked to refer the matter to the Community Transport Group (WC) for consideration.
- b) It was suggested that the “no parking on pavements” leaflet might be re-introduced.
- c) It was noted that re-laying the pavements in Beech Grange was almost complete.
- d) There was some optimism that the potholes at the A36 end of New Road might at last be with dealt properly.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m., when refreshments were available.

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