

Report from Linda Bragg on the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Wed 13-May-2015

Cllr Pope was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Smedley was re-elected as Vice-Chair.

Public Forum Session - queries raised included the Neighbourhood Watch signs – Cllr Jones explained the situation with the newly formed NW scheme; the areas of grass no longer being cut by Wiltshire Council (WC) – Cllr Jones to contact WC; the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) – Cllr Pope advised that nobody had expressed an interest and that it would be included on the agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting on 10-Jun-2015.

Matters requiring resolution at the Annual Meeting included:

- Adoption of the Standing Orders & Financial Regulations – approved
- Personnel Committee – Cllrs Pope and Pound appointed
- Member to co-ordinate Finance – Cllr Pound appointed
- Member to co-ordinate Communications – Cllr Smedley appointed, Clerk to be responsible for press articles until further notice
- Asset Register – approved, subject to Clerk ascertaining ownership of gossip areas and white gates
- Insurance review – approved and to enter into a 3 year discounted agreement with Aon
- Responsible Financial Officer – approved to re-appoint Clerk
- Internal Auditor – approved to re-appoint Collier-Marsh Accountancy

Finance -

- The Accounts for Year 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 were approved.
- A Community Grant of £500 was approved for the Sutton Benger Village Hall Playground Appeal.

Planning Applications -

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| 15/03517/TCA | The Old Rectory, 56 High Street, SN15 4RL | Fell 1 oak tree | No objections |
| 15/03750/FUL | Brookside Cottage, Seagry Hill, SN15 4SA | Proposed Two Storey Side Extension | No objections |
| 15/03945/FUL | 19 Barrington Court, SN15 4TY | Revision to Plot 66 (19 Barrington Court) to include a Conservatory. (Revision of 14/03544/FUL) | Support subject to conditions – use of matching stone |
| 15/04018/TCA | 8 Manor Farm Drive, SN15 4RW | Leylandii - Hedge 1 - 1.8m height reduction to 2, Hedge 2 reduction to 8, Hedge 3 reduction to 18 | No Objections |

Frampton Farm Traveller's Site - Cllr Davis updated the Council on the situation at the site following several queries from the public. After visiting the site, Cllr Davis advised that the piles of earth, etc were a result of them re-arranging the site and that they had not exceeded the site's boundary. He also said that the site's owner would welcome anyone wishing to have a look around.

Grass Verge 62-68 High Street – the PC has received advice from Solicitors regarding ownership of the grass verge and the rules of adverse possession. The Clerk was asked to contact Wiltshire Council's Legal Department to seek further advice.

Parish Housing Needs Survey – Cllr Pope reported that there was an excellent response rate of 44.9% with 196/437 replies. A copy of the full survey is available on the website – www.suttonbengerparishcouncil.gov.uk or from the Clerk – parishclerk@suttonbengerparishcouncil.gov.uk / Tel: 07467 287955.

Litter Bin at the Bus Shelter – Clerk reported that the new bin should be delivered on Monday 18th May.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wed 10 Jun 2015** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.