Report from Linda Bragg on the Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 15 April 2015

At a well attended Annual Parish Meeting the following matters were received:

1. Review of the Year by Cllr Pope, Parish Council Chair.
* Planning applications dealt with – Arms Farm, Frampton Farm and The Park amongst many others.
* Thanks to Jane Verspeak for her work in obtaining the Defibrillators, now in place at the Village Hall and The Wellesley (sponsored by a Parish Council grant of £500); the PCC for their efforts in welcoming newcomers to the village; the PRSC for their work in improving the Playpark; the Speedwatch group; the Tree Warden for looking after and advising the PC on trees within the Parish. She also thanked all the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their continuing support and hard work.
* The success in the 20mph limit on Chestnut Road being approved by Wilts Council.
* The installation of the new Parish Noticeboards at The Bell, Sutton Benger and in Draycot Cerne.
* A litter bin is to be installed at the Bus Shelter.
* The Wiltshire Council Housing Group Survey, which was distributed to each household in the Parish.
* The receipt of the S106 monies from The Park development for the bus shelter maintenance.
* A summary of the Financial Statement (draft) for 2014-15 was given and details of the Precept for 2015-16 – figures are available from the Clerk and on the Website.

The PC currently has vacancies for 3 Councillors and she emphasised the need to fill them to have a more effective PC. Areas especially needing cover include – Personnel, Chippenham Area Transport Group (CATG), Emergency Planning and Neighbourhood Development Plan. If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining the team please contact Linda Bragg, Parish Clerk on 07467 287955 – email: parishclerk@suttonbengerparishcouncil.gov.uk.

1. Neighbourhood Development Plan – a very informative presentation was given by Kevin Watson and Ian Bell, from Christian Malford’s NDP Team.

1. Playpark Refurbishment – Mark Ellis from the PRSC gave a presentation on how the refurbishment was going and the need for more funds to complete it.
2. Wiltshire Council – an update on matters from WC were given by Cllr Howard Greenman (howard.greenman@wiltshire.gov.uk) including planning matters, housing requirments, the Rural Parish Forum, spending cuts and spending plans. A full copy of his report is available from the Clerk.

The meeting concluded with an informal question and answers session with refreshments (wine and cheese) being served.

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on **Wed 13 May 2015** at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.