

Pauntley Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting.
Held at Pauntley Village hall on Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors Present- Councillor Nick Fowke (Chairman) Councillor Jeanette Trevail, Councillor Anne Rawson, Councillor Maurice Elton and Councillor Chris Philipps.
There were 14 other members of the public also present.

The meeting opened with Nick Fowke welcoming everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from the Clerk Lesley Harding and Councillor Linda Morris.
2. Minutes of last year's meeting. These were read and approved.
3. Matters Arising. Some discussion ensued as a follow up to last year's concerns particularly, the dangerous junction at Upleadon. This has been made worse recently by inconsiderate, or even illegal parking by large work vehicles outside the corner house which is having work done on it. The visibility is now severely reduced even more. The people present were told that The Clerk had been in touch with the Highways and Council over this matter but had little or no response to ideas, such as mirrors sited on the corners. Patricia wanted to know why a detailed explanation had not been offered as to why our suggestions could not be adopted. Nick Fowke said that this would be followed up. There was a suggestion from the floor that photos should be sent by any of us that were concerned and had witnessed overgrown hedges causing problems or illegally or thoughtlessly parked vehicles. Also near misses that they might have had should always be reported. If enough concern was voiced maybe something would be done, .Another suggestion was that a representative from Upleadon Parish Council should be invited to our next parish meeting so we can be sure that they realise the problems in their Parish.
4. Mrs Tyler introduced two children from Pool School, Maddon and Lucy, who were going to outline the events of the past year at the school. Their busy year included a poetry Day, fund-raising for Macmillan - raising £300, Blackberry picking, Harvest and Christmas celebrations, a disco and a visit to Father Christmas but the Christmas lunch was cancelled due to the snow. Visits to Raglan Castle and Dean Heritage Centre were enjoyed as were the French lessons every fortnight. Sports and dance have featured along with after school activities such as wildlife, crafts, English, Rugby etc. The working parents are grateful for the early risers sessions at 8am. Through the children Mrs Tyler thanked all the volunteers who give so much time and effort to support the school.
5. Parish Council Chairman's Report. Nick Fowke firstly thanked Lesley Harding and all the Councillors for their hard work during the year. He told everyone that both defibrillators were in operation and that a refresher course had been organised for the volunteers who were on the list of trained people to call in emergencies.
6. Village Hall Chairman's Report. Nick outlined the improvements that had been achieved through fund-raising by the hall committee and donations from the Real Ale

Committee, Unite the Union and from the Ecclesiastical Insurance. Work on the kitchen will commence soon and flood lighting for outside. Fences had been painted, a new amplifier, bench, tables and chairs had been purchased and repair work carried out. New gates had also been fitted. He listed the events during the year, the film nights, curry nights, quiz, get together mornings and the fish and chip supper to be held next week and a gardening coffee morning in June. He mentioned the skittles matches with Upleadon and also thanked Maurice Elton for his continuing efforts in keeping the grounds so neat and tidy. The guides hold their meetings here and their summer camps and the Pilates classes take place on Mondays. He thanked all who helped to make these events and bookings so successful. He reminded the Parishioners about the Real Ale Festival to be held on June 2nd and once again he thanked their committee for the help that their donations give to the community.

7. Sarah Davies, Dementia Friendly Community Enabler. Sarah thanked the Councillors for this opportunity to outline the aims and achievements of this relatively new post in the Forest of Dean. This project is now being funded for a second year and the aim is for the disease to be recognised, made less of a stigma and talked about more, so that carers as well as patients can be put in touch with each other and that this will enable patients to stay in their homes for longer. It can affect any age but much can be done to make their lives happier. She works one to one or in groups and offers open meetings for communities. There are aids to help the whole family such as board games and all these services are free.
8. Open Forum. Inevitably the subjects of crime in the community and safety on the roads was discussed at length. The fact that police presence and attendance at Parish Meetings in the area and Chrissie Parkes's local Parish crime updates were now things of the past was a particular concern.

The meeting closed with delicious refreshments.

Signed _____

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