

Pauntley Parish Council

Annual Parish meeting

Tuesday^{16th} May 2017

Chairman's Report

I would like to welcome everybody to the Pauntley Parish Council Meeting. It is always a pleasure to the children again from Pauntley Primary School with Mrs Tyler. I would also welcome Mark Burns, Forest Safer Communities Sergeant and Erica Sandford from Voneous, who are a potential broad band supplier for the parish.

Finally, a very warm welcome to all Pauntley Parishioners.

I would like to thank Lesley and the parish councillors, on behalf of the parish, for all the time and effort they have put in this year. Without their continual support, it would have made my second as chairman extremely difficult.

Councillors

I would like to thank all the councillors for the support they gave me and Lesley for keeping me on point during the past year. Also I like to thank Paul Chapman once again, for being the parish snow warden.

Council and planning meetings

We have had a full agenda for all of our council meetings, but have been well attended. Again as in previous years, we have had fewer planning meetings than usual.

Expenditure

The parish has kept within its precept once again and was able to make a grant to the Village Hall. Once again we have been keeping Lesley busy; she has been applying for grants whenever she sees an opportunity.

Highways

Lesley and myself have had to contact highways on a number of occasions, but this is something we all can do (Highways contact number 0800 0514 514).

The road from Chapel Pitch to Ketford has been resurfaced but it was not to a very good standard. It needed to be reported again. Water leak at Ketford is also a result of the resurfacing.

Defibrillators

And just as a reminder, we do have Defibrillator training kit and DVD, which is free to use. We also set up the VETS scheme in which volunteers from the parish give support to anyone who needs the defibrillator taken to them in an emergency.

Report on Village Hall 2016-2017

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It has been a very busy year for the village hall committee.

We have purchased our own projector, blue ray player and larger screen. These were installed towards the end of the year. These were funded through donations from Unite the Union (MESSIER-BUGATTI-DOWTY) and Ecclesiastical Insurance. This involved Councillor Anne Rawson and Sandra Fowke giving up their free time to paint the fencing.

We have shown a number of films this year and are becoming a very popular event, especially now we have our own equipment. We have shown A Street Cat Named Bob, Eddie the Eagle to name a few. On some of these nights I have never seen the hall so full. We were almost turning people away, so please book tickets in advance. I would like to thank Anne, Chris and Lesley for all their time and effort they put into these events. And thanks to everyone who helps with bring cakes, raffle prizes, etc and tidying up the hall afterwards.

Again the Real Ale Festival committee have been very generous. With their donation we were able to purchase a new garden table, chairs and a wooden bench and plaque, which are situated on the patio area.

We have the Get Together at the village twice a month on Friday mornings. These are very well attended, and is bringing back that great community feeling. Can I thank all of those involved including Jeanette, Chris, and also Brian who sets up for us each week. Well done to all! As a result of this, there are a number of planned walks being arranged by Anne Rawson and Chris Philipps, and a leaflet is being produced of walks in the parish. Please contact them if you are interested to take part.

The now regular skittles competition between Pauntley and Upleadon is still a very well-attended event, with Pauntley, still currently holding the trophy. Maurice Elton has taken up the grass cutting duties for us at the hall. We regularly have the guides here on Friday evening and have also seen the guides and the Beavers use the hall for their summer camps, as we are now an accredited venue for the scout and guiding groups. We also hosted a wedding in June.

And finally a huge thank up once again to the Real Ale Festival committee for their hard work with their annual event they stage. The parish and other good causes, all benefit from this great event. This I think brings the parish altogether and they have donated over £11,000 to local good causes.

And a reminded, that this year's Pauntley Real Ale festival is taken place on Saturday 3th June 2017.

Nick Fowke (Chairman Pauntley Parish Council)

