

Pauntley Parish Council

Annual Parish meeting

Thursday 10th May 2018

Chairman 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. We welcome Sarah Davies, our Dementia Friendly Community Enabler for Forest North and finally, we also welcome our county councillor Will Windsor-Clive and our district councillor Clayton Williams (they may not turn up of course!), and 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.

Do you want to say that the police aren't coming and give any information from the police report, or leave it for people to look at??

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 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.

We have raised funding for the kitchen refurbishment through donations from Unite the Union (MESSIER-BUGATTI-DOWTY) and Ecclesiastical Insurance, Sandra Fowke and Anne Rawson giving up their free time to paint the fencing.

Again the Real ale Festival committee have been very generous. With their donation we were able to purchase new tables, chairs and (outside lighting – we haven't done this yet) a new outside bench. And just as a reminder, we do have Defibrillator training kit and DVD, which is free to use. We have had extra training for the VETS scheme which we set up this year, so that volunteers are better equipped to respond to emergencies. Please ensure you have a card with details of the scheme and the contact number, to help you if you need to access a defibrillator.

Highways

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

Report on Village Hall 2017-2018

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It has been a very busy year for the village hall committee. There have been several smaller projects completed this year, including buying a new amplifier for the film evenings, a new outside bench and repairs to the outside fencing. . The kitchen has been our main focus and work here is due to be carried out in the next few weeks.

For those you have not seen them, new gates are now fitted to the entrance to the village hall, which were purchased by the parish council, to allow easier access to the defibrillator.

The curry night we had in December was a great success. Thanks to the Newent Tandoori. Our Quiz Evening in September was also popular, and we hope to run another later this year.

The film evenings are proving to be an ever popular event for the dark nights. We have shown a number of films this year and are popular events, especially now we have our own equipment. We have shown Their Finest, Viceroy's House, Grow Your Own, Victoria and Abdul and What we did on our Holiday. On most of these nights we have had a full house, 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 bringing cakes, raffle prizes, etc and tidying up the hall afterwards. Can I remind you that we have our Fish and Chips and Sea Shanties evening on Wednesday 16 May, for which tickets are still available, and a Gardening Bring and Buy and Coffee Morning on Saturday 16 June.

We have the Get Together at the village twice a month on Friday mornings. These are very well attended, and are bringing back that great community feeling. Can I thank all of those involved Anne, Jeanette, Chris, Anne and Eric Solesbury etc. Well done to all! Pilates continues on a Monday morning.

The now regular skittles competition between Upleadon is still a very well attended event, with Upleadon currently holding the trophy. I thank Maurice Elton for continuing with the grass cutting duties for us at the hall. We regularly have the girl 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 local scout and guiding groups.

And finally a huge thank you 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 £13,650 to local good causes.

And a reminder, that this year's Pauntley Real Ale festival is taken place on Saturday 2th June 2018.

Nick Fowke (Chairman Pauntley Parish)