

Pauntley Parish Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 26th March 2019

Chairman's Report

I would like to welcome everybody to the Annual Pauntley Parish Meeting. It is always a pleasure to welcome the children again from Pauntley Primary School with Mrs Tyler.

We also welcome:

- Sarah Davies, from Forest of Dean Dementia Action Alliance
- Will Windsor-Clive, of County Councillor
- Lesley Harding, Pauntley Village Hall Supporters
- Mark Glover, Fastershire

And, of course, a very warm welcome to all Pauntley Parishioners.

I would like to thank Lesley, Christian 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 third year as chairman extremely difficult. Thank to Paul Chapman once again, for being the parish snow warden. Thanks also to Linda Morris who is standing down after many years on the Parish Council.

Council and planning meetings

We have had a full agenda for all of our council meetings, but these 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 help fund the kitchen improvements in the village hall. Once again we have been keeping Lesley and our new clerk, Christian, busy applying for grants whenever they see an opportunity.

During this year we have organised a Fish and Chip Supper evening which resulted in a profit of £143 which was donated to the Gloucestershire Air Ambulance along with an extra £100 donation from the Parish Council. The Parish Council also donated a Perpsex Tommy to the church for the Battle's Over commemoration of 100 years since the end of the First World War. The Parishioners also helped by donating over £118 from a coffee morning to Help the Heroes.

Highways

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

Clerk

I would like to thank Lesley for being the Clerk for the parish for last 15 years. It can be a thankless task, but she has done a great job. I would also like to welcome our new Clerk to the Parish Council, Christian Horton, who took over in November last year.

Defibrillator co-ordinators

Thanks to Annie Grey and Mike Grier for taking up the role of checking the defibrillators weekly and reporting any errors. And just as a reminder, we do have a defibrillator training kit and DVD, which is free to use. The VETS scheme is also still active.

Ecclesiastical Donation

I would like to thank Sandra Fowke from Ecclesiastical Insurance, for facilitating the donation towards the kitchen improvements.

Pauntley Real Ale Festival

And finally, a huge thank you once again to the Real Ale Festival Committee for their hard work with the annual event they stage. Good causes in the parish all benefit from this great event.

And a reminder, that this year's Pauntley Real Ale festival is taking place on Saturday 1st June 2019.

Nick Fowke (Chairman, Pauntley Parish Council)