

STOWEY SUTTON

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2018

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at
7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd May 2018

The Link, Bishop Sutton
Website: www.stoweysuttonpc.org

Present: Councillors K Betton (Chairman), L Balmforth, H Clewett (Vice Chair), E Daly,
P Gleave, L Kingston, J Knibbs, M Arnold
Also in attendance: J Bryant (Clerk), 6 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Confirmation of:

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3rd May 2017

3. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman, Keith Betton provided a report to the Parish on the activities of the Parish Council.

Key items included that:

- The total number of serving councillors is eight, leaving 3 vacancies, during the year one new member joined the council, Melisa Arnold and four members retired, Bob Brewer, Bernadette Braidley, Richard Brent & Chris Brookes.
- There have been twelve meetings of your Parish Council in the last year, well attended by Councillors, with a slight increase in presence by parishioners who made a total of 93 attendances over the year. Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council can obtain more information from the Clerk.
- The ward councillor from B&NES, Victor Prichard attended 11 meetings and has kept the Council advised of matters relating to that authority.
- The Parish Council have supported 13 of the 26 planning applications.
- The Parish Council have replied to consultation on many subjects, working with B&NES, other Parish Councils and the PCAA on a variety of topics.
- Parish councillors have attended many meetings with local groups covering a variety of subjects such as health, security, transport, and policy development.
- The Parish Council have formally contacted B&NES on many occasions regarding the condition of roads and pavements within the Parish.
- The Parish Council have considered financial support requests from several village groups, with grants being offered to three.
- The Parish Council have provided both internal and external safety inspections for the play area and have funded repair works where needed.
- After a long consultation & planning phase the Parish Council have secured funding and improvements to the facilities for children, teenagers & adults at the recreation ground, work will shortly begin, with the aim of being completed before the school summer holidays.
- The Parish Council have provided a parish cleaner for the village and continued to financially support a weekly coach to the surgery.
- The Parish Council continues to maintain a website (stoweysuttonpc.org) where parishioners can access information on meeting dates, agendas, minutes and find contact information for both the Clerk and councillors.

The Chairman highlighted that it was difficult to summarise the many activities the Parish Council had undertaken, including some that individual councillors have contributed greatly to, and gave thanks to everyone who attends Parish Council meetings and works on behalf of the Parish Council.

4. Charities Reports

To receive reports on behalf of the following charities:

i. Tegg Charity

Cllr Balmforth provided a report on behalf of Tegg Charity. The charity provides grants for children going into further education college or apprenticeships.

ii. Richard Jones Foundation

Cllr Knibbs provided a brief report on behalf of Richard Jones Foundation. Trustees have met twice in the previous financial year and several grants have been made to students within Stowey Sutton and those undertaking further education in various parishes.

iii. Chew Magna Combined Charities

Cllr Knibbs also provided a report on the Chew Magna Combined Charities. There have been no grants made this year.

Copies of each report can be obtained from the Clerk and will be published on the Parish Council website.

5. Public Forum

No comments were made.

6. Date for the next Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday ~~1st~~ 15th May 2019 (moved due to elections)

Minutes are available on the Parish Council website: www.stowey Sutton pc.org/