**MIDDLETON STONEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 13th MAY 2019 AT 7PM.**

**PRESENT**

Mr. A J Fulljames Chairman

Mr. M. Keighery Clerk

**1] APOLOGISES**

Debbie Pay sent her apologies.

**2] MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting on May 8th 2018 were approved.

**3] CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

Mr Fulljames, chairman of the parish council, presented his annual report [full copy is attached within the minute book] and recorded:

* That as a result of the recent parish council election – which takes place every four years – four members of the council are retiring. Mr Fulljames thanked Bill Champion, Peter Brown, Stewart Moore and Chandra Vadivale for their service to the community.
* The electorate has approved the Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan which includes the village.
* Thanked the Village Hall Committee, especially Debbie Pay, for the maintenance of the village hall and the arranging of the village activities. Also thanked Grace O’Dwyer and her team for the upkeep of the playground.
* Highlighted the serious issues facing the village, especially traffic and the bad state of the roads; traffic volumes have increased from Heyford Park, yet no mitigation apparent; HGV volumes have increased and breaches of routing arrangements involving the incinerator have occurred; increase in HGV volumes can be expected with new proposed warehouses and a feasibility study commissioned by the council into a new junction on the M40 between junction 9 and 10 and joining onto the Bicester Road. Meetings with the county council have yet to provide solutions.
* Confirmed that after 31 years, he is standing down as chairman of the parish council and thanked Mrs. Pay [VC] for her support, particularly over the last year.

**4] MIDDLETON STONEY CRICKET CLUB:**

Simon Petit gave a report on behalf of Middleton Stoney Cricket Club. [full copy attached within the minute book.]

* Stressed that the club is successful in attracting players with a roster of 45 players.
* Highlighted key events for the season including a visit from the Australian MCG XIX club on Friday August 9th and also the village barbeque on June 30th - when the Blue Lion Club from Yorkshire will be the visitors for their twentieth year.
* Emphasised that the fixtures through to September are published on the club website. Hard copies are available on request.
* Invited supporters and passers-by to come along to experience the warm welcome the club offers.

The chairman thanked Mr. Petit for his report.

**5] VILLAGE HALL:**

In Mrs. Pay’s absence, Jennifer Hughes read out the report. [full copy is attached within the minute book.]

* Cash position remains strong despite a decrease of £752.19 on the previous year. This decrease was largely due to renovations and investments namely a new sink, water heater in the kitchen; new chairs and the painting/cladding of internal hall.
* Three functions were held during the year [Royal Wedding Breakfast, Annual BBQ, Christmas Bazaar] yielding £1078.
* Letting income from hall hire, equipment hire and elections amounted to £537.
* It is expected that the kitchen floor will be replaced soon and the committee are exploring the possibility of Wi-fi as the hall is currently a dead-zone.
* The next event is the barbeque at the cricket club on Sunday 30th June.
* Mrs Pay thanked Committee members [and their significant others] for their help

And the parish council for its continued support of the village hall.

The chairman went on to record his thanks to the Village Hall Committee for their efforts during the year.

**6] PLAYGROUND**

Mrs Grace O’Dwyer delivered her report [full copy is attached within the minute book].

* Thanked the parish council for funding the improvements and repairs to the playground. Also thanked the team of volunteers who support each clean up. Thanked Leigh for the grass cutting.
* Confirmed that the rocking chair has been renovated, the duck replaced with a trampoline and one toddler swing has also been replaced.
* The spring clean-up was successful with many volunteers supporting the clean-up.
* There are plans for a further clear up in the autumn and some further improvements.
* Currently the playground is being well used, with little damage reported.

The chairman expressed his appreciation of Mrs. O’Dwyer and her team for their efforts throughout the year.

**7] ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

There was no report from the church.

Ends