



Minutes

Annual Parish Assembly of Tysoe Parish Council

Held on: Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.45pm

Place: Tysoe Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Jacqui Sinclair (Acting Chair) Colin Locke, Steve Allen, Sue Haines, Malcolm Littlewood and John Tongue

In attendance: Kerry Finlayson (Parish Clerk), District Cllr John Feilding, Jane Millward (RFO), County Cllr Chris Williams

Members of the public: 17

56/19 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

Cllr Sinclair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

57/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared in any item of business on the agenda

58/19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 30th April 2018 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

59/19 THE PARISH COUNCIL YEAR

Cllr Sinclair, as Acting Chair gave her annual report and gave thanks to:

- Cllrs Locke, Cressman & Collier for putting themselves forward to cover the role of Chair when she herself had felt that she had no alternative but to resign from the role, for some time, due to unnecessary pressure and conflict
- Cllrs Allen, Locke and Cressman and Jane Millward for their excellent teamwork in helping to create a safe environment for the children of the village to play
- David Roache and his Neighbourhood Plan team, past and present, for all of their very hard work in producing the plan as well as Neil Pearce for his help and guidance
- Cllrs Cressman, Tongue, Collier and Littlewood for representing the PC at the NP meetings
- Jane Millward for her hard work and support as both the Clerk and RFO and to the new Clerk Kerry Finlayson who had also been a great support since taking over the role in May.
- Steve Millward for setting up the hall for meetings
- Cllr Collier and Cressman for their commitment and the time they had given to the community before their surprise resignations in December
- Cllr Tongue for his excellent planning knowledge which helped the PC with its considerations when looking at sometimes very difficult planning situations
- Jane Millward and Cllr Allen for their work on light pollution
- District Cllr John Feilding for liaising with SDC over unresolved issues with Kendrick Homes and the Loxton Homes Development
- County Cllr Izzi Seccombe for covering for County Cllr Williams in his absence and pointed out how lovely it was to see him back that evening

Cllr Sinclair noted:

- There were many things to be proud of including the NP, the new playground and the community calendar which boasted a wide range of functions and events for the whole community to enjoy

- Valued contributions made to the community by the WI, Tysoe Utilities Trust, various local clubs including the Social Club, the Lunch Club, the Bowls Club, the Tennis Club and the Football Club, the local shop and post office, the tea rooms, the primary school and the Children's Group.
- The need for affordable housing
- Village maintenance
- Future projects such as Speed Awareness and the NP referendum
- Information on meetings and 'drop-in' surgeries and urged the community to join in.

Cllr Sinclair finished her report by extending her personal thanks to her fellow Cllrs for their hard work and commitment despite some testing times and in particular, thanked those who were not standing for re-election.

Cllr Colin Locke, as Vice Chair gave his report which focused on the 'annus horribilis' of the last 12 months and his sadness that:

- Many meetings had been fraught with tension and unpleasantness
- Many varying accusations had been levelled at the PC
- Pressure and opinions put on the Chair left her with no choice but to resign the role
- Jane Millward as Parish Clerk had resigned as she felt so uncomfortable with the unpleasantness
- Two valued and active Cllrs resigned over differing principles when they had so much to offer
- There was now a very apparent division within the village

Cllr Locke talked about the importance of the NP and the decisions that had to be made for the whole of the community and that the PC never lost sight of the bigger picture. He then finished by expressing his thanks to Cllr Sinclair and David Roache and his team for their tireless efforts and asked prospective new Cllrs come on board and keep Tysoe special.

60/19 THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllrs **received** and noted the **report** from Mr Roache - Appendix A

61/19 TYSOE UTILITIES TRUST

Percy Sewell reported:

- Grants to individuals and organisations within the parish last year amounted to almost £18,000.
- Income over expenditure was £178 - almost break-even.
- The Trust would be looking to convert the reading rooms into a 2-bed flat and hoped to receive the support of the PC for this project.

62/19 TYSOE VILLAGE HALL

Percy Sewell advised that whilst expenditure over income was greater this year, this was down to timing as 2017 had produced a considerable excess. The committee was happy with the financial position, with reserves remaining satisfactory. The main expenditure had been for renewing the car park tarmac, for which they were very grateful to have received a 50% loan from the PC, repayable over 3 years. Other works completed were new front doors and updating of the toilet block. The next part of the project would be stage lighting and the roof on the Social Club.

There had been a record number of bookings for the last year, which whilst good news for the hall meant increasing wear & tear therefore Steve Randall had been appointed as caretaker to keep on top of necessary work and to keep the hall in a good clean condition.

The committee was also currently looking for new members to join them.

- 63/19 TYSOE SCHOOL** **Ms Oscroft**
 Ms Oscroft reported that the school continued to go from strength to strength following Federation with Wellesbourne CE Primary School. Pupil numbers had been maintained and the pupil admission number had been set by the Governors at 20 for future years from September 2019. This provided a good structure for effective curriculum planning within the five mixed age classes. Strong links continued with Rev Heighton and the members of St. Mary's Church which was a real strength of the school. The school remained judged 'good by Ofsted and SIAMs with outstanding Leadership and Management.
- 64/19 TYSOE CHURCH**
 Cllrs **received** and **noted** the report given by Rev. George Heighton - Appendix B
- 65/19 STRATFORD DISTRICT**
 John Feilding reported on:
- Purdah at SDC
 - Orbit Housing - would be looking to invite them to a parish meeting
 - Looking to set up a meeting with Philip Seccombe (PCC) and different parish councils
- 66/19 WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
 Cllrs welcomed back CC Williams then **received** and **noted** his report - Appendix C
- 67/19 WARWICKSHIRE POLICE** **Mr Seccombe**
 Philip Seccombe reported on the following:
- Precept - 150 more Officers, spread across SNT, response, roads policing and investigation capability
 - £2.3 million into Victims Services
 - Termination of the Alliance with West Mercia Police. Challenges and opportunities.
 - More Officers in Stratford and Alcester.
- 68/19 WARWICKSHIRE SAFE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM** **PC Purcell**
 Cllrs **received** and **noted** the report given by PC Purcell - Appendix D
- 69/19 REPORT FROM NADHIM ZAHAWI MP**
 Cllrs **received** and **noted** the report from Mr Zahawi.
- 70/19 MATTERS RAISED BY ELECTORATE**
 A member of the public queried whether any amendments could be made to the NP under the new Parish Council. David Roache expressed the view that the new PC could not overturn a decision validly made by the previous PC but they could make minor amendments if requested to do so by SDC and if doing so did not change the NP in any significant way.
- 71/19 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC and PRESS**
 The meeting closed at 21.40pm
- 72/19 REFRESHMENTS**
 Everyone retired for refreshments kindly provided by Chris Locke and Jenny Tongue.

SIGNED:

DATED: