

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 21 APRIL 2016

MARLBOROUGH TOWN HALL, MARLBOROUGH

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Guy Singleton (Chairman)	Councillor
Paul March (Clerk)	Councillor
Shanne Boyd	Councillor
Andrew Smithson	Councillor

Item No.	
01/16	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>The chair welcomed the parishioners and guest speakers to the Annual Parish Meeting 2016.</p>
02/16	<p>TRANSITION MARLBOROUGH</p> <p>Richard Pitts presented an update on the work of Transition Marlborough and its work to promote Marlborough and its environmental issues. The group are working to find sustainable solutions to reduce the Town's reliance on fossil fuels for energy production and thus improve air quality. Meetings are held monthly and courses are run in self-sufficiency by a leading light in transitioning (a former St Johns pupil Rob Hopkins). Subjects range from composting , home energy conservation, recycling to bee-keeping. There is a focus on food miles at the moment with a desire to reduce the distance our foods are transported to retailers. Other projects include decarbonising the electrical supply, solar panels, insulation and local sustainability.</p> <p>The transport sub group are working with the Area Board to help shape the Town's services from cycle routes to rail provision. Work on air quality is also advanced through this group too, they have long been supporters of moves to be prime some of the roads through Marlborough to reduce the impact of HGV's on the environment. More surveys are required in order to the impact of alternative routes on journey times.</p>
03/16	<p>MARLBOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</p> <p>AS introduced the background to the neighbourhood plan and the potential impact on the Parish and its finances. He shared the rationale for signing into the scheme, that being part of the plan provided Savernake PC a voice in how the Town and its Parishes planned future developments. The next steps were to set the required legal structure and terms of references of the various sub groups.</p> <p>A brief discussion was held about the proposed development at Salisbury Road and the council shared its principal position of opposing the scheme presented, citing several serious issues and reservations with the specialist reports provided. The council will continue to ensure the best interests of the Parish were heard and that the impact of any scheme on the roads and environment within the Forest were considered.</p>

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04/16	FINANCE REPORT PM explained that the Parish Council were reporting a deficit in the annual accounts due to the setting up of the Parish website. It was felt that a presence on the internet provided a vital portal for Parish news and information.
05/16	ANY OTHER BUSINESS The state of the footpaths, road markings, pot holes & rubbish in the Parish were discussed and it was agreed that this would be discussed at future meetings with a view to working with Highways to improve the standards and access. It was also highlighted that the toilets in the car park over the river at the back of Waitrose would be closing and that this would impact the Town's many visitors.
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