

# NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014

Present                    Cllr A Howarth    Chairman  
                              Cllr M Butler  
                              Cllr F Mitchell  
                              Cllr D Hudson  
                              The Clerk  
                              County Councillor R Adams  
                              District Councillor L Robinson  
                              1 members of the public

**1. Apologies** - Cllr R Skinner.

**2. Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the 2013 Parish Meeting were approved and signed.

**3. Chairman's annual report of the Parish Council**

The Parish Council met six times over the last year plus two extraordinary meetings to discuss planning applications. Particular thanks should go to Lynne East our parish clerk who so efficiently carries out her duties and also advises the Parish Council as to all the relevant standards and regulations. She is painstaking in her diligence to keep accurate records and we do thank her for all her hard work. Thanks also to Councillors Skinner, Mitchell, Hudson and Butler for their support and work during the year. We are also very grateful for the support of County Councillor Rob Adams and District Councillor Linda Robinson who attend our meetings and keep us up to date with district and county issues. Other thanks should go to Peter Holpin for continuing to complete the internal audit of the Council's accounts.

Parish Lengthsman

This is a fully funded service provided by Wychavon. The lengthsman, is in fact a team of three who regularly visit the village, digging out the grips (the run offs from the road into the ditches) tidy up verges and generally are available when needed by the Parish Council. After the terrible floods this winter we have been grateful to the lengthsman for their work clearing the drain inlets and outlets and regularly inspecting the ditches.

Highways

After continued pressure from the Parish Council and with the support of District Councillor Rob Adams we are now sharing with Kington and Dormston a speed activated sign. This has been placed alternately at two locations on the verge beside The Old House and alongside Jubilee Barn at both of these locations the sign faces traffic coming from the east side of the village. Thanks must go to Councillor Martin Butler who has helped install the sign and has been monitoring the records when the sign has been activated by vehicles exceeding 30 miles an hour. The number of activations has been alarming and it is hoped that our monitoring will be an effective justification for getting the 30 mile an hour speed sign moved to where the village sign is and closer to Honeybourne.

#### Donations

Donations have been made to the church to contribute towards the cost of regular mowing of the churchyard which helps to keep this village amenity tidy and attractive. An annual donation is also made to the church for the use of the church for Parish Council meetings and to the Parish magazine.

#### Planning

The council has considered 9 planning applications over the year. We have supported 5 and rejected 4, one of which was deemed invalid and another was not in our parish. The Parish Council spoke at the Wychavon Planning Committee against the proposed Chicken Farm in Upton Snodsbury. Opposition to this application was supported by an over whelming response from local residents, supported by the Wychavon Parishes Action Group and was refused by the entire Wychavon Planning Committee. However this decision was overturned on appeal by the planning inspectorate. We thank Councillor Linda Robinson for her invaluable advice on this matter.

#### Drainage

Flooding in the village has been a continued concern of the Parish Council for many years and thanks to the efforts of the Clerk, Parish Councillors and particularly the support of District Councillor Rob Adams, major work to improve the outflow of the village drain was completed before Christmas. A new drain has been installed alongside the present drain from the manhole in the verge outside Half Acre into the Piddle brook south of the road bridge. The old drain has a new much larger outlet pipe and both pipes are now encased in a stone cage as they exit into the brook. This work was completed before the main winter rains and was seen to be

effectively carrying the volume of water through the village without flooding the road or village properties. We hope that with regular inspection this new drainage system will continue to be a major improvement to alleviating flooding in the future.

#### Footpaths

Thanks must go to Councillor Butler as Footpath Warden for continuing to monitor the village footpaths.

#### Village Green

The tree originally planted on the green to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 was found to be ailing and needed to be replaced. Thanks to Councillor Dave Hudson who sourced, planted and provided a beautiful flowering cherry tree.

#### Jubilee Award

Congratulations to the Parish clerk Lynne East who was nominated for a Jubilee Award for services to the community and was the runner up.

#### **4. Accounts**

The Parish Clerk presented the un-audited accounts for 2013-2014 the opening balance stood at £4430.42+(£892.37 for the Parish Plan) Expenditure during the year was £4485.77 Income received was £4532.17 Closing balance was £5369.19 - (£642.37 Parish Plan) =£4726.82

#### **5. Annual report of District Councillor L Robinson**

Cllr Robinson thanked Cllr Adams the Parish Council and clerk for all their help in keeping her up to date with events in the village.

The increased figures for the SWDP have now been released and it has now been determined that 28,370 new houses are now needed this is an increase on the previous figures and relates to the South Worcestershire Three Counties, there will be a second round of assessing eligible sites.

Although the entire planning committee opposed the planning application for the chicken farm this decision was overturned on appeal by the planning inspectorate.

The garden waste scheme is a great success but there are some spaces available.

The Tour of Britain will come through Wychavon on the 10/9/2014

#### **6. Reports of County Councillor R Adams**

Cllr Adams thanked Cllr Robinson the Parish Council and clerk for all their help in keeping him up to date with events in the village.

A new Chief Executive will be appointed on the 1<sup>st</sup> June for the County Council. There will be a review of bus subsidies but it is anticipated that there will be little change. The county needs to save money over the next few years and it is hoped that the cuts will not affect the services provided; adult care is the number one priority at the County Council.

7. **Report From Parish Paths Warden** – Work is still ongoing with various problems being reported to the relevant authorities.
- 8a) **Report from the Women’s Institute**- No report has been received from the Women’s Institute.
- b) **Report from Naunton Beauchamp church**- A report for the last 12 months was read out to all present, the church has maintained its presence in Naunton Beauchamp through its services which have increased since 2012 and social events. On a more worrying note three of the clergy serving the northern part of the Pershore Deanery are leaving by the end of August one of these will be our own rector Clive Fairclough there will only be one clergy left. There are several meetings taking place with the newly appointed Bishop of Dudley and the Archdeacon of Worcester looking at reorganisation.