

**Maugersbury Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 5 June 2017 at Stow Youth Club
M I N U T E S**

Present: Cllr R Fisher (Chair), Cllr H Webb, Cllr B Russell, Cllr J Bartlett, Cllr H Totham and Liz Sajewicz (clerk). County Cllr Nigel Moor (arrived during meeting). Seven members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were accepted from District Ward Cllr Dilys Neill, Archie Thomas, Anthony Sumner, David Brown and Carole Wilkinson. A representative from the Police was not able to attend.
2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Friday 23 May 2016 were approved as an accurate record by all present and signed by Cllr Fisher.
3. **Report from Cllr Dilys Neill, Cotswold District Council:** Clerk read out an email from Cllr Neill expressing her hope that she would soon be able to attend meetings, and asking to be kept updated with news and minutes from Maugersbury parish (including information about the gypsy fair).
4. **Report from the Local Police:** As per attached report.
5. **Report from Graham Golby, Burial Board**
 - The burial board is a subcommittee of Stow Town Council and covers three main cemeteries plus the graveyard. MPC pays a contribution to STC for repairs and maintenance.
 - The vehicle access from Back Walls was very pot-holed and caused problems for hearses. It was resurfaced during the year. Damaged walls on the Fosse Way have been repaired. The old cemetery has been tidied up by a community-payback team.
 - There are plans to reduce the number/size of trees in the yew avenue.
 - Graham has been trained to safety-test gravestones, and is seeking a helper to complete testing at the old cemetery.
(Full report available from clerk.)
6. **Report from Cllr Bob Fisher, Chairman of the Parish Council**
 - Cllr Fisher thanked fellow councillors for their support during the year, noting that Hannah Totham and David Brown had been co-opted onto the council (as councillor and project co-ordinator respectively) following Cllr Meyrick's resignation a year ago. Anna Arnell resigned as clerk during the year and Liz Sajewicz took on the role.
 - The structure of MPC remained the same during the year with Brenda Russell and Janet Bartlett retaining their areas of responsibility, Helen Webb taking on Deputy Chairman, Finance and Internal Auditor in addition to overseeing the defibrillator. Hannah Totham's area of responsibility is planning.
 - MPC aims to have a close liaison with both GCC and CDC and Cllr Fisher thanked GCC Councillor Nigel Moor for all his support and for attending and contributing to so many MPC meetings. Sadly our CDC Councillor Barry Dare passed away during the year and his elected replacement Cllr Dilys Neill has been seriously ill since her election.
 - Planning continues to be an important part of MPC's work. As a statutory consultee, MPC is invited to comment on planning applications, and 20 applications have been made during the year. Sometimes CDC take note of MPC's expression of local views, sometimes they don't.
 - Two defibrillator training sessions have been organised during the year and 17 residents have been trained in its use. Weekly and monthly checks of the equipment are carried out.
 - As project co-ordinator, David Brown organised the remedial works to Pound Lane verges which were funded by a grant organised by Cllr Nigel Moor. The verges were repaired and passing places introduced - a job well done on a tight budget.
 - Maugersbury has benefitted from GCC's new Lengthsmen Project for small maintenance works.
 - Some of the Village Fund was spent clearing the Maugersbury Road footpath and verge.
 - It isn't just MPC that looks after the roadside verges – Cllr Fisher thanked everyone who picks litter and cuts grass to keep the village looking tidy.
 - The Gypsy Horse Fair continues to decline in terms of its popularity and impact on the local community. Liaison continues with CDC and the Police.

- An unwelcome issue MPC had to deal with was the Gigaclear work. Despite MPC's best efforts to make contact with the company, they arrived unannounced to start digging up roads and verges. To compound matters connections are only available to a very limited number of residents and it appears that our roads have been used as a route to take cables into Stow. Reinstatement of road surfaces seems to have been carried out satisfactorily but some of the verge reinstatement so far leaves much to be desired.

7. Report from Cllr Nigel Moor, Gloucestershire County Council:

- A road safety hub has been set up for easy reporting of concerns about road conditions or unsafe behaviour such as speeding. Photos can be included and should provide a good evidence base for future action. Website: <https://roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk/communityhub/>
- £390,000 allocated to Road Safety Partnership
- £100,000 allocated to TROs. One is being put in place by Stow to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on Maugersbury Road. It is supported by Police.
- £30,000 per county for local highways
- £9m for resurfacing
- Lengthsmen scheme – there will be dedicated teams for each area, including one for the Cotswolds. Cllr Moor asked MPC to give him details of items for lengthsmen to attend to.
- Gigaclear issue remains. Seemingly a commercial decision not to make its service available to all Maugersbury properties. Possible actions discussed: complaint to Ofcom, signing up with a non-fibre provider: Cllr Moor reported that other villages are happy with Wurzel.
- Road repairs – a step-change is planned, with £150m pledged. Additional contractors will be engaged and possibly an in-house team. Details to be announced in autumn.
- 'Patching" (resurfacing) from the gypsy field to Maugersbury is programmed.
- Doctors surgery – Cllr Moor will support a new application (submitted but not yet validated) by Mr Nutbourne for a surgery only, and will try to get CDC support.
- Cllr Moor answered questions from residents and councillors:
- Alteration to Fosse Way traffic lights? Cllr Moor described the major commitments in this area:
 - diverting HGVs – but noted that Oxfordshire is pursuing a scheme whereby HGVs would be diverted away from Burford forcing them onto the Chipping Norton- Stow route
 - a recent study showed 20,000 vehicles a day passing Stow cemetery
 - officers have been asked to price a smart traffic light system for Stow, which would be responsive to traffic flow on all roads at an intersection
 - additional bridge at Moreton using s.106 funds.
- Why Police & Crime Commissioner withdrew from Road Safety Partnership. Cllr Moor explained there was a difference of views about use of funds from NDORS (National Driver Offender Retraining Scheme) courses. The courses are now being run by the PCC and GCC no longer has access to the proceeds.
- Sheep Street pedestrian crossing?: Cllr Moor was not aware of any plans for Sheep St, but a related issue was the ineffectiveness of speed humps in Back Walls. Blocking it in the middle so it could not be used as a through-road was being considered. Suggestions from residents were to make it No Right Turn onto the Fosse Way, or introduce a ring road.
- Were there any plans for the field in the latest surgery proposal? Cllr Moor said no but he understood nothing was off the table.

8. Finance: Cllr Webb gave a summary of Parish Council's finances for last year as per attached report.

9. Questions and comments from parishioners: There were no other questions or comments from members of the public.

The meeting was followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Signed by Chairman of
Maugersbury Parish Council:

Date: