

Simon Meyrick, Chairman of Maugersbury Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Monday 23rd May 2016 at Oddington Village Hall

1. **Present:** Cllr Simon Meyrick (Chair), Cllr Bob Fisher (Vice Chair), Cllr Russell, Cllr Bartlett, Cllr Webb and Anna Arnell (Clerk).
In Attendance: County Cllr Nigel Moor and members of the public.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies were accepted from Graham Golby and the Local Police. Alistair Johnston, from the Maugersbury Residents' Association was not able to attend.
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Friday 22nd May 2015 were approved as an accurate record by all present and signed by Cllr Meyrick.
4. **Report from Cllr Nigel Moor, Gloucestershire County Council:**
 - MPs successfully lobbied for £2.4 million for Highways, split between the 53 members in the county, each have £33k pa to spend.
 - £100k for traffic regulation, e.g. Little Rissington and Blockley. Even if 10% don't obey the new speed limit, over all the impact is to get most people to drive more slowly.
 - New Lengthsman programme trialled in Forest of Dean. Crew of 3 operatives, who spend one week in a particular area – this week they are in Maugersbury Road, Sterling Close and junction with B4450 cleaning ditches.
 - £8 million pa is spent on roads in Gloucestershire, the Cotswolds have a third of Gloucestershire's roads. The additional money this year has allowed Cllr Moor to respond to requests, e.g. £2k to repair damaged verges in Maugersbury after diversions from Stow Hill.
 - Locally; working with Stow TC looking at the car parking spaces in the square to realign them and make them more available to disabled, also looking at traffic calming and bus parking.
 - New footpath on western side of Stow Hill to connect with Monarch's Way, this criss crosses Stow Hill and is very dangerous for walkers. This is a community scheme of Stow TC – phased with Highways work needed for care home. Aiming for Spring 2017.
 - Cllr Moor was recently appointed cabinet member for fire, planning and infrastructure. Visited Stow fire station – one of first stations to become first responders as they often get to accidents before anyone else. After FR training they are now capable of using defibrillators and giving first aid.
 - Announcement last Friday that the Oxfordshire Councils had had an interim report that said the cross county unitary proposal involving CDC and Oxfordshire was not feasible and this scheme has now been abandoned. Now GCC can refocus on devolution agenda for Gloucestershire. This has highlighted the importance of Cotswolds to GCC who understand that the main concerns in this area are Highways and Broadband.
 - Additional £1/2 million to match CDC funding will be spent on Gigaclear to add in remaining households. **Action: Clerk to contact Gigaclear to come to a meeting NB Clerk checked Gigaclear website and work is due to start in Maugersbury (e.g. GL54 1HR) in September 2016 ending March 2017.**
 - Funding being removed from local bus services to Kingham station – need to market it better so it is used.
 - Petition re Tall Trees from MRA – Cllr Moor made no representations as he feels it is right for Drs to make their own choice, but criticised by Stow for getting involved. NB need to look at speed limit as at present is 40mph at entrance. Aware that Maugersbury residents are concerned re access and hopes that the developers will work with MPC and MRA to allay concerns.
 - Fosse to be resurfaced during nightworking 7pm -7am.
 - A429 task group – draft report has been submitted. **Action: Clerk to distribute via email.**
 - Cllr Fisher thanked Cllr Moor for the £2k grant, will liaise with Bob Skillern re work

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- Discussed moving the 30mph sign but this is expensive due to processes e.g. lawyers, consultations, etc. Maybe look at '20 is Plenty'? Advisory not enforceable, but will slow people down.
- 5. Report from Cllr Barry Dare, Cotswold District Council:** Not available.
 - 6. Report from the Local Police:** As per attached report.
 - 7. Report from Graham Golby, Burial Board.**
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 - 8. Report from Cllr Simon Meyrick, Chair of the Parish Council.**
Cllr Meyrick summarised the previous year:
 - The Parish Council has continued with the existing structure of the Council and areas of responsibility as in previous years.
 - After the elections in 2015 a vacancy was created when John Nutbourne did not stand for re-election and Helen Webb was co-opted onto the Council. Since her arrival Cllr Webb has taken over the Defibrillator project and organised a litter picking session in the village.
 - The Clerk remains Anna Arnell.
 - The precept remains low, this has been helped by a number of new households in the village.
 - Planning continues to be an important part of Parish Council work and is mostly uncontroversial. The Council is a statutory consultee and are asked to comment but have no formal influence instead try to act to help the exchange of information.
 - The PC liaises with other bodies, e.g County Councillor Nigel Moor, who is a great support for the village and takes a big interest in Highways projects, and District Councillor Barry Dare.
 - Proud to say the defibrillator project has now been concluded, this project was complicated by site chosen but the obstacles have been overcome just in time to complete the lease on the 13th May before the training on 14th May. 18 people attended the training which included very good first aid training and training on how to use the defibrillators, since they have been in the community the chances of surviving a heart attack have increased from 3% to 30%.
 - Pleased to have achieved this project before stepping down after 13 years on the PC and the last 5 years as Chair. Would like to thank colleagues and community for their support, it has been an honour to do something for the community.

Cllr Fisher then addressed the meeting saying it was sad but understandable that Cllr Meyrick was standing down after so long with the Parish Council and that he had shown an outstanding commitment to the village, particularly bearing in mind his demanding job. Cllr Meyrick has been an excellent Chairman and has dealt skillfully with some tricky situations over the last year. There was a round of applause for Cllr Meyrick.
 - 9. To receive a report from Alistair Johnston, Maugersbury Residents Association:** As per attached report
 - 10. Finance:** The Clerk gave a summary of the Parish Council's finances for last year as per attached report
 - 11. Questions and comments from parishioners:** There were no questions or comments from members of the public.

The meeting concluded at 19.06.

Signed

Chairman of Maugersbury Parish Council

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