

**Maugersbury Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at Stow Youth Centre, Fosseyway, Stow on the Wold**  
**D R A F T M I N U T E S**

**Present:** Cllr A Root (Chairman), Cllr M Lutman, Cllr R Boyens, Cllr H Totham, Cllr R Warmington, Ms E Sajewicz (clerk), PC A Palfrey (part of meeting), District Cllr D Neill, Mr G Golby and 10 members of the public.

**1. Apologies**

Ward County Cllr M MacKenzie-Charrington.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were approved as an accurate record and signed by Cllr Root.

**3. Report from Police**

PC Palfrey introduced herself and explained the staffing at Stow Police Station. There are two PCs, one part-time and one fulltime, along with two PCSOs. There were 52 incidents in the parish area in the last year but they included accidental 999 calls and road-related incidents. There were four relevant incidents, including Nottingham Knockers (door to door sellers without pedlar's certificates), suspicious activity and a horse seized at Stow Fair. PC Palfrey encouraged residents to ring if they saw Nottingham Knockers as they were likely to be looking for opportunities to commit crimes. She spoke about the May Stow Fair, saying crimes had been quite low. Windows had been broken at The Bell and there was antisocial behaviour but not as bad as previous events. Those involved were aged 5 to 14. She said there were new locations for speeding operations near Tesco and at Oddington Road/King Georges Field. Police hold "Police Information Points" at Stow Library once a month for anyone to speak to Police with questions or intelligence. Clerk said the dates were normally published on Stow Town Council's website.

Cllr Boyens said a lot of felonies were committed before the fair and caravans arrived early. He said policing needed to be brought forward. PC Palfrey said Police found that 2-3 weeks before the fair the crime rate increased with a lot of fuel thefts and rural crimes which Police believed were carried out by associates of travellers.

Cllr Totham asked about the poster issued by the Police which gave Stow Fair dates as 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. She said the fair was supposed to be for one day and this seemed to be giving carte blanche for it to be longer. It was important it not be seen as a longer event. PC Palfrey said the dates were probably intended to refer to the Police presence. A resident said the Police and CDC had given an undertaking that they would work to reduce the event to one day. Travellers had started arriving on Friday for the May event.

Cllr Neill said it had been attempted to establish a better relationship with the event organisers. This time they had been unable to attend the pre-fair meeting. She said traffic problems had improved because of the discussions. Businesses were being encouraged to record things they saw. PC Palfrey advised not to approach the organisers but to report to the Police.

Cllr Root asked that Police remind of the rules about not arriving early.

A resident said the event breached planning control and suggested CDC could deter early arrivals by saying they would overlook short events but would take enforcement action if they were say 4 days or longer.

A resident said it was a cyclical problem and you can't reach agreement with travellers because it cannot be enforced. He said the Silver Group was needed.

Cllr Neill said the group was meeting and a meeting was due to be set up. She welcomed emails from residents, and these could also be sent to Cllr Lutman who is MPC's representative on the group.

Cllr Lutman said it is when travellers first arrive that they let their hair down over the weekend, and that is when the Police are needed. He said the trouble is mainly on the Monday.

Cllr Root said the dates issue and a more “front foot” Police presence were the requests from this meeting to the Police and Cllr Neill’s Stow Fair group.

**4. Report from Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Gloucestershire County Council**

Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington’s report had been circulated. Questions and comments from the meeting:

- Planting of 66,000 trees – what was being done about monitoring the trees and their survival rate as it appeared many were being overgrown? Would the plastic tree guards be recovered?
- Progress was requested on the long-awaited redesign of the A436/Pound Lane/Bledington Road junction which it was understood was with contractors Atkins.
- Update requested regarding the public footpath diversion around Heath Hill Farm as MPC had not heard of any progress for some time.
- Junction of A436/Pound Lane/Bledington Road – a resident described his suggestion for improving the use of the junction. He agreed his suggestion could be circulated to residents. It was agreed to continue to press GCC Highways for the redesign and the resident’s suggestions may be helpful in the meantime.

**5. Report from Cllr Dilys Neill, Cotswold District Council**

Deferred to the Parish Council meeting to take place after this meeting.

**6. Report from Graham Golby, Burial Board:**

- Stow Town Council’s Burial Board met every 6 weeks.
- The Burial Board was responsible for care and upkeep of the cemetery, cemetery rules and regulations, and setting fees.
- Recent actions over the past few years included improvements to the gardens, drystone walls, resurfacing of cemetery paths and safety.
- Mr Golby had attended training on how to push-test gravestones and was a certified pusher.
- MPC paid an annual contribution to Stow Town Council towards cemetery maintenance.
- Mr Golby was an advisor to the Burial Board representing MPC and he was willing to continue in the role.
- Mr Golby was thanked for his report and his service to MPC.

**7. Report about Defibrillator/Cardiac Arrest Response Training for the community**

Deferred to the Parish Council meeting to take place after this meeting.

**8. Questions and comments from parishioners**

There were no other questions or comments from members of the public.

The meeting closed at 6.47pm and was followed by a Parish Council meeting.

Signed by Chairman of  
Maugersbury Parish Council:

Date: