

Minutes of the SWINDON PARISH ANNUAL MEETING
held on
11th May 2016
at Swindon Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Peter Allen (Chairman of the Parish Council)
Shaun Cullimore (Clerk to the Parish Council)
7 members of the public

Apologies:

None.

Introduction by Councillor Allen

As Chairman of the Parish Council Councillor Allen welcomed to everyone to the meeting. Individuals representing various local groups were present.

Presentation by Councillor Allen

Peter's presentation is attachment 1.

Presentation by Shaun Cullimore

In his role as Parish Clerk Shaun ran through the Parish Council finances for the year ended 31st March 2016. The figures are attached to the meeting agenda.

Presentation by Tony Jilbert

Tony, as a Churchwarden at St. Lawrence, described the organisation of the North Cheltenham Team Ministry (four parishes, five churches). Tony said that the church is there for everybody in the community. Tony is also responsible for organising the church fete in the summer.

Presentation by Liz Heckford

Liz (our Village Agent) introduced herself and described her role within the community. Liz can provide a link between people and the services they need to access. Liz does not "cold call" but if anyone is aware of someone in need of her help they can be referred to her. Liz is employed 10 hours per week and funded by the County Council but managed through Gloucestershire Rural Community Council.

Presentation by Eileen Allen

Eileen was representing Swindon Village Society. Eileen described their work in researching and documenting all aspects of local history.

Presentation by Helen Wells

Helen is both a Parish Councillor and a leader of the Save The Countryside action group. With the area under threat of huge housing, retail and industrial developments Helen described the work that had been done to secure an area of Local Green Space. Agreement had been reached with Bloor and Persimmon but not the other housing developers.

Discussion

A resident queried the proposal to develop the land at the junction of Swindon Road and Wymans Lane. Cllr. Allen replied that the Parish Council were opposed to the development, particularly since local people relied on pedestrian access through that area.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Shaun Cullimore
Clerk to Swindon Parish Council