

Minutes of Worminghall Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 9th May 2013

Present: Cllrs: Mead (Chairwoman), P Rowe, Dr Weaver, M Tasker and 6 members of the public.

Minutes of meeting held 22nd May 2012: Agreed and signed as a true record.

The Chairman gave out her report :

WORMINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT

Last year I started by saying that this was my first report as Chair. This year it's my last report as I'll be standing down as Chair and as a Councillor tonight.

So, to our activities of the past year...

Our biggest venture of the year has been the activities around the Worminghall Community Plan. During this year we have written, trialed and distributed a Questionnaire to all residents of the village intending to gather their views on how Worminghall should progress and develop over the next few years. We have had a very good response to this questionnaire and it's good to see so many people demonstrating their interest in the community.

The questionnaire will allow the Parish Council to make decisions with a clearer understanding of what people want, but also what they don't want. It has also raised some interesting dilemmas, not least being the question of further housing in the village which has resulted in an almost 50/50 split of views.

We've had quite a few successes in terms of improving the village this year. We managed to get funding for the new salt bins which are an improvement on the previous piles of salt. We've also celebrated the Queens Jubilee with the new bench outside the Village Hall and by providing each child in the village with a commemorative coin.

Our focus on hedges and ditches has continued and during the second wettest year on record, we managed to have few flooding problems. This would not have been the case a few years ago and I would like to thank, on behalf of the Council, those residents who have undertaken the necessary work. Unfortunately, the plan of all ditches and drains promised by AVDC has not been forthcoming but we will continue to remind them.

Unfortunately, we still suffer from more than an average number of potholes but have been working with AVDC to improve this. I'm sure we're all aware of the tell-tale white lines on the road indicating that we're due a visit soon.

As a Council, we changed to meeting monthly rather than bi-monthly and believe that shorter more regular meetings have delivered a quicker more streamlined response to issues.

We appreciate the support of the various residents who come along to the Parish Council meetings and hope to see more of you in the future.

To finish on a personal note, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support during my time as Chair, and indeed throughout my time as a Councillor. It's been a rewarding experience.

Matters raised by the public:

Parish Plan Questionnaire results were asked for. The Clerk stated that they are on the website.

A possible building space was identified with a possible playing field. Plans must be submitted before Councillors may comment.

Meeting closed at 7.54pm.