

PARISH OF OLDBURY ON SEVERN

Minutes of the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held at The Memorial Hall, Oldbury, Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 7.30 pm

Present

Parish Councillors: Mr B Turner (Chair), Mr M Riddle, Mr A Knapp, Mr G Poole and Mr. K Sullivan.

Clerk: Mrs D. Bramley **Public:** 2 Parishioners

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Hales & Baker.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Turner circulated the following report which will be included in the 4 Ward magazine.

Oldbury on Severn Parish Council - Chairman's Annual Report May 2014

The Core Strategy referred to in my last report has now been adopted by South Gloucestershire Councillors; this sets the strategic scene until 2027. Your Parish Council continues to work with South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) on the non-strategic policies which complement the Core Strategy and will have an effect on our Parish. The main issues we are facing relate to how the Parish remains sustainable in years to come. The parish plan project which many of you responded to back in 2010 identified a need for modest development in the Parish particularly to provide affordable accommodation for younger people but also to provide accommodation for established older residents who don't wish to leave the area but find their current accommodation too large for their needs. This is being addressed through the Policies, Sites and Places Development Plan (PSPDP) currently being developed by SGC for circulation and public consultation later this year. Your Parish Council will try to ensure that parishioners know when this is published, it is important that your views on this subject are known and taken in to account, your feedback will be important. Closely aligned to the PSPDP is Flood Risk, under the auspices of the Parish Council the Environmental and Development Working Groups are trying to ensure that the best outcomes for the Parish are achieved. Due consideration has to be given to the National Planning Policy Framework and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessments as they are the foundations on which SGC decisions are made.

The Parish Council continues to support the work being done by the Parish Plan Steering Group. The Working Groups provide valuable additional resource which is a great help when managing the many issues Parish Councillors are expected to deal with. The benefits are beginning to be seen with the opening of the Community Shop which has largely been achieved through the efforts of a small group of committed parishioners. The Community Website www.oldburyonsevern.org.uk is now improved with input from parishioners who have actively engaged in a working group who continue to seek ways to improve communications in the parish and provide the tools for social cohesion and keeping people informed. Other initiatives including road and pedestrian safety are ongoing.

I am personally grateful to all those parishioners and my fellow councillors for all this help which has and in some cases continues to take up their personal time. It has enabled a great deal more to be achieved over the past 12 months over and above the more routine matters Parish Councils are elected to deal with.

Looking forward into the next 12 months there is still much to do; your Parish Council will continue to seek to ensure that the best interests of the Parish are kept in focus when SGC are developing the long term policies which will impact on our community.

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE

A parishioner commented that the new community shop has helped give the community a new centre and parishioners were making new friends.

A parishioner asked if there was any logic to the Speed Signs on Chapel Road as nothing ever comes from the information they provide and people still speed. Cllr Turner stated that they are just monitoring the traffic speed to see what action, if any, is required. The information will also be used by the New Speed Watch group to identify when they need to monitor the traffic.

4. ANY OTHER MATTERS

None

5. CLOSE OF MEETING at 7.45 pm

Signed by

Chairman

1st July 2014