



Notes from the Cherington Annual Parish Meeting

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SATURDAY May 21st 2022 AT 10.00 am – Village Hall

Apologies were extended by Cllr's Kevin Macmahon, Stephen Hirst and SPCO Kim Collins

Council members and the clerk were present – there were twelve members of the public, and representatives of the Village Hall committee & the Summer Show committees were in attendance. The Council were also pleased to welcome Cllr Patrick Mulligan – Chairman of Avening Town Council.

1. Chairman's Report.

Cllr Mitchell opened the meeting and shared some facts about the progress of the council in the last year, including planning matters, reference to the communications recently made with the owners of Cherington Park and the situation in respect of signage, the recent audit, the Council's financial situation and the purchase and improvement of the telephone box and the door for the Village Hall.

Uses for the telephone box were sought and a suggestion was made by a member of the public that it might be used as a food station for the areas many Cyclists – to dispense food and drinks, potentially via a "vending machine" process. (It was noted that this might also require an adjacent litter bin.)

Councillor Mitchell also thanked Parish Councillors, the Clerk, and various Cherington working groups, including Litter Pickers, the Village Hall, Church, Summer Show and general helpers and "Quizzers."

2. County Councillor's Report

Since Cllr Hirst was unavailable, a handout of the information: GCC budget figures for 2021 / 2022 was shared and referenced by the meeting.

3. GCC Report information.

The clerk shared statistics on paper reflecting information about Cotswold District Council, Gloucester County Council and the ATM body who provide Police Activity and Crime statistics. Handouts were provided to the assembly, which included website reference to the source materials.

4. Village Hall Report – Cllr Mitchell thanked the members of the Village Hall Committee for all their recent hard work and accepted their report. Cllr Kate Gegg gave the report reprising information on the door, heating, curtains, forthcoming decorations (including those for the Jubilee,) the clock and on various future ambitions.

Cllr Gegg called for assistance with Hall matters from volunteers, since the committee is small.

No specifics of the Trustees registering of the land and drafting a model hiring agreement were made, but once in place, these measures will allow some planned fundraising to take place.

5. Police Report

We received apologies from the PCSO staff of Gloucestershire Constabulary. Information on arrangements and crime levels were posted for us, though, to the website www.adt.co.uk/crime-on-my-area - which was shared as handout information.

6. Village Issues – Open Forum

- Mr Zac Curtis shared some details which pertain to the Summer Show of July 24th and attendees - and indeed all villagers - were exhorted to try and help to ensure with this year's show. It was noted that without the assistance of the now defunct Cricket Club, manpower is at a low ebb – and expectations for the show's overall success must be tempered accordingly.
- Mr Roger Gegg gave a reminder about the siting and disposal of grass cutting materials and reminded those present of good housekeeping procedures; he also introduced the topic of road signage and the weight limit notice which has been requested of Gloucester Highways for Westbury Lane. This lead to a wider discussion of how persistent signage and pothole issues might be addressed by both residents and members of the Council alike. The Clerk noted references to the various sites and problems mentioned.
- Mrs E. Workman made mention of the recent Ash dieback problems and the condition of trees near the entrance to Aston Farm. The planting of a remembrance tree in the churchyard – a Sorbus (or Mountain Ash, species unknown,) and an accompanying plaque was also mentioned.

Addendum Council Items/Minutes:

AM 1: Councillor Gegg was kind enough to co-sign cheque number 320 for the sum of £35, in favour of the Council's continued membership of GAPTC.

There being no further matters for discussion, the Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 10.46 am.