



SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 14th May 2012 at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews	Chairman
Cllr Phil Jones	
Cllr David Shaw	
Cllr Geoff Smith	
Cllr Willis Ward	
Cllr Clive Rickhards	Warwickshire County Council
Mrs T Murphy	Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Justin Kerridge, Stratford District Council

There were 10 parishioners present.

Balvinder Heran from Stratford District Council addressed the Assembly on improving rural broadband in Stratford District. Government matched funding has been made available to improve 'white' premises that have no superfast broadband operator. There are 31,277 'white' premises in Stratford District, for which the District Council have to contribute £561,590 to the allocated budget. Balvinder stressed the importance of all residents in Sambourne completing the questionnaire either on-line at www.cswbroadband.org.uk or on paper copy by contacting our Community Champion, Lizzie Price on: 01789 260133. The more completed questionnaires that are received, the more help will be given. It was suggested that the Parish Council complete an 'Awards for All' application, which would help towards raising the matched funding. Balvinder offered her help in completing the application.

The Chairman thanked Balvinder for her excellent presentation and promised that the Parish Council would do all it could to assist the Project.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 9th May 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Parish Council Chairman's Report

Attendance at Meetings: 100% - except 2 meetings.

Planning Numbers: 18 applications. 2 against PC, others concur or pending.

- Neighbourhood watch up and running – signs and some information packs distributed
- War memorial cleaned - thanks to Adam Quinney.

- Taken over extra grass cutting from SDC
- Tree maintenance programme up to date
- Signed up to waste collection facility at Studley
- New signpost on Green and repainted both blades on Perrymill finger-post. Phil and Sue cleaned finger-post on Green.
- Analysed returns from Parish survey
- Parish Plan at draft form - sent to SDC and WCC for opinions.
- Traffic: 5 point survey (39 mph), chasing WCC to implement necessary measure as allowed in transport plan/document.
- 170+ names. MP/WCC portfolio holder.
- Police surgery continues every two weeks
- Internal control system developed for accounts.
- PC registered for Data Protection.
- PC employ clerk and implemented changes in method of payment
- Review and compilation of all public transport available to residents.
- Draft Core Strategy – meeting at Studley attended. Report on parish website.

Thanks were expressed to:

- Terry, the clerk, for running the show so efficiently!
- District and County councillors for regular attendance at meetings.
- Geoff – recreation ground maintenance and other work around Sambourne eg new signpost.
- Sue and Phil – tree maintenance programme, biodiversity, flower borders, cleaning signs etc.
- David – Sambourne Trust, Village Association and The Link. Excellent diplomat for more difficult matters.
- Willis – particularly with the finance and accountancy aspects of the PC.
- The members of the PC each have different skill sets and work well together and are an excellent team.
- Volunteers who organise the annual MiniFest, produce and distribute The Voice and The Link and this year the Shakespeare on the Green event.

Annual Accounts from Sambourne Parish Council

The Clerk reported that the accounts for 2011/12 had been prepared and have been approved by the internal auditor. The accounts will be formally approved at the July meeting of the Parish Council and forwarded to the external auditors, Clement Keys.

Report from the W.I

The Report was given by Pat Sreeves

Although numbers have dwindled, the WI has enjoyed an interesting year. Sambourne has always given support to the national campaigns of the WI – this year they will be discussing and campaigning for an increase in midwives. There have been a variety of speakers, which included:

- A slide show about the Darjeeling railway
- The author, Jill Fraser

- A talk on morris dancing
- Gardening at Hidcote
- The history of the Kay's catalogue
- Life in Jamaica in the 1050's and Iran in the early 1060's.

Other events have included:

- Plant stall in May and a display at the fete in June
- Summer Party in July
- Christmas Party with an exhibition of ballroom dancing.

As ever, the WI needs new members to ensure the survival of this village institution.

Report from the Sambourne Trust

David Shaw read the report from the Sambourne Trust

- The planned programme of maintenance and refurbishment has continued.
- The weekly shopping bus has been reinstated and is working well, albeit at an increased cost.
- The annual distribution of shopping tokens to residents over seventy continued.
- Donations were made to the Air Ambulance, the Shakespeare Hospice, Myton Hospice and the local branch of First Responders.
- Help has been given to the elderly and infirm towards the purchase of equipment not available through the NHS or Social Services.
- The new website is now up and running and regularly updated.

David thanked his fellow trustees and the liaison warden for their help and support during the year.

Issues of particular local importance

No matters raised

Other matters raised

No matters raised