

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

Held Wednesday 30th May 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at Dadlington Village Hall, Dadlington

Attendees: Parish Councillors Keith Morton, Ambrose Long and Alan Summers. 4 parishioners. Anji Forsyth (temporary Parish Clerk minutes).

Meeting opened 7.38 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions: Parish Council Chairman Councillor Long welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Updates from Community Groups:

Dadlington Village Hall Committee representative read out their Chairman's report, detailing the newly refurbished facility, now increased in size and capacity, and the new heating system means the building is warm and friendly to use. Bookings have increased as a result, and the building is able to serve the community fully. There are plans for a children's film club in the autumn. A new noticeboard will be fixed to the side of the building to advertise forthcoming events.

There was a general discussion about how to raise the hall's profile and encourage more attendees to use the facility and attend organized events.

The Clerk read out the Parish Council Chairman's report.

3. Signing of Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting held Wednesday 10th May 2017 were read and signed as correct by the Chairman. A matter arising from the minutes was the issue of a Neighbourhood Plan. At the following July Parish Council meeting it was identified there were not any Councillors with available time to lead the project for the Parish.

4. Issues for discussion from parishioners:

Speeding Traffic: 2 parishioners had separately raised the issue of traffic travelling at excessive speeds through the villages at the May Parish Council meeting; which led to the issue becoming an agenda item. One of the attendees had emailed the Borough Council to complain.

The parish had conducted a speed watch in 2011 in conjunction with Leicestershire Police. This exercise gave sufficient evidence of speeds through the villages to implement the speed sign purchased by the Parish Council.

It was identified that any activity carried out needs to be agreed by the Highways Dept at Leicestershire County Council and the Police.

The Parish Council should not give up on the issue as it is a major concern.

The local constabulary have advised there are 3 additional special constables being recruited to the rural beat area.

The existing speed sign can records only the speeding vehicles passing the machine and at what speed.

During 3 weeks in Sutton Cheney the machine registered 13,540 vehicles travelling at least 30 mph (one way only) = 645 speeding vehicles per day.

Dadlington in 1 week registered 4,060 speeding vehicles (during half term week) = 580 speeding vehicles per day.

A parishioner asked if another Speed Watch scheme could be implemented to help raise the awareness of driver's speeds and the limits.

Another suggestion was for wooden "gates" at village signs to help reinforce the message that drivers are entering a village environment and not an open road.

A sign which states "Please drive carefully through our village"

It was suggested the Parish Council could contact Stoke Golding Parish Council to work jointly together.

Another suggestion was to enquire about Lottery Funding to help with the matter of costs to reduce the speeding traffic.

Clerk to email and invite to the police to attend a council meeting to discuss what they can do to help.

Clerk to price a second speed sign

Clerk to investigate Section 106 money to fund the "gates" and planters to create the illusion of a chicane to help slow the traffic.

The meeting closed at 8.22 p.m.