

SALT & ENSON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting Held on Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 8.00pm at Salt Village Hall

Draft Minutes

Present: Salt Parish Councillors, 5 members of the public and Michelle Shaker (Speedwatch)

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2019

This was agreed as a true and correct record by all present.

2. Matters arising from those minutes (for information only)

It was noted that the Armistice Day event had been a huge success and the Parish Council were pleased to have been able to support this financially.

3. Chairman's Annual Report

Cllr Taft reported with sadness the loss of 2 ex-members of the Parish Council during the year – John Milman and David Scott.

2018/19 has been a busy year and has included the following:

- Speedwatch – formation of a group with equipment funded by grant funding obtained by the Parish Council
- Speed Indication Device – an initial meeting has identified a site and grant funding has been applied for.
Village Map – following the 2018 APM request this is in progress – sadly it has not been straightforward and the Council are currently trying to obtain permission to site this in the “Village Green” from Staffordshire County Council. This will be partially funded by Cllr J Francis and the Staffordshire County Council Community Fund.
- Village Phone Box – this has been transformed into a book swap library and is now operational. It is hoped this will be a great asset to the Parish.
- Increased legislation including GDPR continues to provide challenges to the Council in complying with the large amount of work required for a small parish with a low number of administration hours available.
- Planning applications in the year have reduced but each is viewed and commented on by the Council as received.
- Finally the Chairman thanked the Clerk for her hard work during the year.

4. Report from Michelle Shaker/Community Speedwatch

Michelle updated the meeting about the success of the Speedwatch group which formed in August 2018.

When the group formed they would catch between 5-10 people speeding in an hour. In 2019 so far they have been catching between 2-3 each hour. Michelle noted it will be interesting to see if this difference is seasonal or whether road works affect this.

In Staffordshire there are 70 groups overall and all of the data is fed into a central database and used to feedback information.

In a 12 month period anyone caught speeding by any of these groups will:

1st offense - a letter will be sent

2nd offense – a letter will be sent

3rd offense – an officer will visit the individual to discuss the implications of speeding

4th offense – if an offender continues to speed this will be used as intelligence and officers will use this to visit areas with their equipment and prosecute those continued offenders.

For the 70 groups in Q1 2018 109 roadside hours were recorded, in 2019 Q1 266 hours have already been recorded. A map is on the website to show where the groups operate.

5. Report from Salt Village Hall Management Committee

No one was present to present a report. Cllr Clancy will liaise, and the Clerk will upload one once received.

6. Report from Salt Friendship Club

Stella Milman updated the meeting about the group who meet once a fortnight at the Village Hall. They play bingo and have tea and a catch up. Last year they went on a coach outing. Stella noted that they often all leave laughing and that it is a great opportunity to come out and meet with friends. The group is currently all women although men are encouraged to come along. She noted that sadly one of their members passed away last year and she is sadly missed.

7. Report from Salt Neighbourhood Watch

Chris Gammon updated the meeting. There have been crimes reported in the police area but not specifically in Salt. She noted that everyone should continue to be alert to assist in preventing crimes in the area.

She thanked the Council for their action about the speeding and for applying for the funding for these initiatives.

8. Reports for County and Borough Councillors if present

None present

9. Questions from the floor

An issue was raised relating to a party held at the village hall in May. The Village Hall representative for the Council updated the meeting that the Village Hall Committee were aware of this. The party had caused damage to the hall and steps had been taken to avoid any bookings of this nature in the future.

10. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 8.40pm