

St Andrews Parish Council

ST ANDREWS' PARISH MEETING Held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 6:00pm at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon

Present: Cllr Daniel Adams, Cllr Jean Blake, Cllr Tim Owen, Emma Sylvester (Parish Clerk), Cllr Vera Tomlinson (Chairman), Cllr Kevin Woods, Cllr Melanie Woods and five members of the public.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman, Cllr Vera Tomlinson, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this was a statutory meeting open to electors of the Parish at which only the electorate are permitted to speak.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Friend, Ricketts and Williams

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 9th May 2018 were approved and signed as true record by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman read out her report as follows:

By and large we have had quite a successful year.

We took over the Redhouse Community Centre on 1st August 2018. We made no alterations at all for the first six months – just as we had promised. We set up a committee to run the centre and have now made changes to the discounts which were being given as we considered some to be excessive in comparison to our running costs.

We put out to public consultation several plans and choices for the renovation of Highdown Way Play Park. The public were unanimous in their choice which will be installed shortly.

We negotiated with Swindon Borough Council on who was liable for costs to update and mend apparatus at Wallis Drive Play Park. Changes are currently being made including lopping of trees and moss removal. We are still in talks regarding who pays what.

We planted our first four islands in our Parish with crocus bulbs which generally looked bright and cheerful at the onset of Spring.

We gave substantial cheques from the Chairman's Charities Fund to the Salvation Army and Swindon Cruse Bereavement Society and thanks go to all councillors and special thanks to the Chair and Vice Chair of our Events Working Group who worked so hard to raise the money. We were also very successful in raising a large sum for the Macmillan Coffee morning – although ours was held in the afternoon but nevertheless it was a very generous contribution given to them.

We kept the precept down and it is lower again this year and we have managed to complete an awful lot of work.

A big thank you to the Clerk who works hard and I will outline our plans for this coming year in our next meeting.

5. COUNCILLORS' FORUM

Residents asked the following questions:

What is happening with the yellow lines on Redhouse Way and will the side streets be patrolled?

Cllr Tomlinson replied that the implementation of yellow lines has been delayed due to objections following the public consultation and believed that this would now happen in July 2019. She added that the road would be patrolled twice a day and any offenders would first receive a warning notice then fines for any subsequent offences. Cllr Tomlinson agreed to call a meeting to raise points on patrolling side roads and viability issues on corners.

Could a bus shelter be provided at Eastbury Way near Thamesdown Drive?

Cllr Tomlinson replied that she would look into this.

Can the brambles and hedges be cut by the dipping pods?

The Clerk agreed to pass this request on to the contractor.

With no further questions the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:55pm

Chairman _____

Date _____