



## WESTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Westbury Village Hall at 8.00 pm

**Present** Chair, James Stone (JS), Vice Chair Vicky Webb (VW), Cllr Sue Barrett (SB), Cllr Robin Bone (RB), Cllr Graeme Cook (GC), Cathy Knott (Clerk), Councillor Robin Stuchbury, Councillor Charlie Clare and 12 residents.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jeremy Banks (JB), Cllr Franco Capella, Councillor Patrick Fealey, Rev. Liz Simpson, Paul Winks, Nick Perks and Tony Kayll

#### **Welcome**

Chair, James Stone welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting to hear reports from local clubs and organisations that help to create such a rich tapestry in our village.

#### **Notes of previous meeting**

**Notes** of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May were agreed and signed.

#### **Report from Councillor Robin Stuchbury**

Councillor Stuchbury gave a brief overview of the work he has been involved in over the last year including:

- Narrowing the Gap
- Young People ready for work
- Children's Internet Safety
- Children's Workforce
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Voice of the Child & Young Person

Councillor Stuchbury also talked about his involvement with Bucks Transport (Buckingham Transport Strategy document available), advising that there would be a new roundabout on the Tingewick Road with a link to the A421. This means traffic will be able to avoid Buckingham town centre and Radclive.

**All documents will be available on the website, but if you would like copies, please email Cathy Knott, Parish Clerk ([westburyclerk@aol.com](mailto:westburyclerk@aol.com)).**

**The following reports from local clubs and organisations can be found on the village website [www.westburyvillage.org](http://www.westburyvillage.org) under Annual Parish Meetings or you can request copies from Cathy Knott**

#### **St Augustine's Church**

Pat English gave a report on behalf of The Revd Liz Simpson who was unable to attend.

There are 2 services each month at St Augustine's, plus others at festival times and when we host the whole benefice. Harvest and Remembrance are particular times when we appreciate parishioners joining us, and it was very good at Christmas to have the church full for the various services, and this year at Easter to welcome children for an Easter egg hunt, which Suzie Walton & Paul Winks organised.

There are a small number of parishioners on the electoral roll, who come regularly to services and serve on the Parochial Church Council, and other villagers who very generously support fund raising efforts and help in practical ways by opening and closing the church, cleaning and arranging flowers, and we are very grateful to all of them. It is always difficult to find people to help with mowing and keeping the churchyard tidy, and so we are very grateful to those who come and mow the grass and tend the flowers to keep the churchyard looking lovely.

The church receives no money from central funds for the upkeep of the building, and so we have to work hard to keep our historic church in good condition. We have recently made some repairs to the plaster and roof.

We have carried out various fundraising events over the last year, among them a Plant Sale, Cake Stall and Christmas Bazaar, all well supported by parishioners. We have also received generous donations from Westbury Community Shop & Café and Beachborough School.

Westbury is part of the West Buckingham Benefice, so Revd Liz Simpson the Rector, looks after 6 churches. We work together on some things, and most of the church's events for children and young people are run on a Benefice level.

Beachborough School continues to use the church building.

The church is always available to parishioners and others who have Westbury connections for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

The church is open all day – it's the church for the whole village, and we're glad that people come in at various times. We hope you feel able to do that if you'd like to, and we always welcome new ideas, and new people at services – which are advertised in the Link, and on the West Buckingham Churches website.

### **Westbury Cricket Club**

#### **Seniors by Richard Tredwell**

It is my pleasure to give an annual report on the fortunes of Westbury Cricket Club during the past year.

2016 was a year to remember in our long history as we made the Jump as champions of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association and joined the big boys in the Cherwell Cricket League. We took both first and second teams across to divisions 4 and 8 respectively and both sides had amazing seasons and managed to secure promotion by winning both divisions. The Firsts under the new captaincy of Tom Wilson and the Seconds ably led by Tom Boardman incidentally both ex Beachborough pupils.

We also formed a new third XI / development side in order to give some of our juniors the chance to play alongside the adults on a Saturday. They joined the local South Northants League and finished a very respectable mid table in their fledgling season and gave numerous boys and girls their first taste of senior cricket. Richard Hallows the captain and Phil McComb deserve massive credit for getting this side up and running.

Our thanks go to Beachborough School for the use of their pitch and facilities for home games for this team. So some Saturdays there were two games going on in the Parish at the same time which is a major achievement for a village of our size.

Hopefully the 2017 season will be as successful and enjoyable for all. Our first choice XI does now include 6 players under the age of 22 who have come up through our junior system which again bodes well for the future. All our sides now rely on this feeder system and it's great to see our home-coached players wanting to play cricket for Westbury CC.

As we proceed forward we do need to improve some of our playing facilities and hopefully you will all see improvements before too long. Upgraded sight screens at the village hall end and an electronic scoreboard are our aims along with improved practice facilities. If there are any local companies who would like to become involved and perhaps sponsor us please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our thanks also go to Vicky Webb and her team on the village hall committee for their help and guidance as we all get used to our marvellous new village hall and hopefully any teething problems we may have had are now ironed out as we all find our feet again in what has been a time of change for us all. Vicky's amicable approach is something we very much appreciate in the senior section. We feel we should all offer our thanks to her for the amazing amount of time and effort she has put in to making this place work.

Our League games start on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May and continue with a game here every Saturday pretty much through until September. We would welcome any village support and look forward to seeing some of you at our matches and please remember the bar is open to all, certainly straight after games and sometimes a little earlier. Please do come and join us for a drink. Also, new players from the village are extremely welcome and we do have the sides to accommodate pretty well all abilities!

### **Westbury Cricket Club Juniors by Rupert Clarke**

I would like to reiterate my thanks, as Richard has for our lovely new facilities and support.

The junior section welcomes boys and girls from U7's up to U15's (girls) and U17's (boys). We have over 100 juniors training on Friday evenings from the end of April through to the end of August.

We enter teams into leagues in both South Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire leagues. Junior winter nets commence in February at both Winchester House and Beachborough Schools.

We also have a new ladies team who will be playing occasional matches.

Westbury should be very proud!

### **Westbury Football Club By David Grainge**

Firstly can I thank you once again for giving the Club the opportunity to present a short report for the Annual Parish Meeting and we trust that the Parish Council will have a good and successful meeting this evening.

The Football Club would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to the Parish Council for their tireless work and efforts in providing the excellent facilities that the Club now have the opportunity to be able to use for its home fixtures, they are first class and something to be very proud of. All of the Clubs and Match Officials that have visited the Club during the season have all made very complementary and nice remarks regarding the new village hall and the changing facilities that are available with the spacious dressing rooms giving the players plenty of room to change together with being able to have a nice hot shower after the game.. Also the Club would like to thank Vicki Webb for her work, efforts, help and assistance to the Club at the beginning of the football club's start to the season last September, it was very much appreciated.

The Club has again participated in the bottom division of the North Bucks and District Football League and on the previous seasons evidence we were looking for an improvement in performances and hopefully a mid table position was the target when we kicked off the season last September.

The season has really been one of three periods, the first period up to early November, saw the team more than hold their own, with some good performances and outstanding results and at the time were looking quite capable of finishing within the top five of the league.

However the second period from November to the early part of the New Year was disastrous with a mounting long term injury situation occurring leading to players not being available saw some heavy defeats and a drop in confidence throughout the team. The third period from the middle of January until the present time saw the team string a series of good results together to help the Club climb the table.

With the Club having a further two matches away from home to play to complete its season should see a respectable league position of either eighth or ninth place in the league of fourteen teams. However it has not

been all plain sailing with many of the newer teams that came into the Division at the start of the season appearing to be stronger and better than some of those that the Club had played in the previous season, in terms of achievement this season has been a great improvement on last season when the Club had also finished in mid table of the league.

For the record the Club to date have played 24 of their League Matches of which 10 have been won, 2 drawn, and 12 have been lost giving a total of 32 points, two more than last season. There have been 59 goals scored for and 62 goals scored against the Club. The Club has also played in 3 cup matches, against opposition from higher divisions of the league of which all have resulted in defeats.

I am very pleased to report that the Football Club at the present time is in a far stronger and healthier position than it has been for several years. We have a started to increase our Membership with players, some living in the village, who want to play football for the Club during this season although we have had thirty eight players turn out for the Club many do not play on a regular basis but are happy to play on the odd occasion. This unfortunately is the modern day trend for Adult open age 11 v 11 football which is experienced throughout the country and not just with Westbury Football Club. In today's society of different life styles and working patterns coupled with the many different choices of other things to do and the ever rising cost of playing football several players now do not wish to be involved in regular participation Saturday after Saturday.

During the current season the resources that the Club has available to it in the terms of personnel to run it and do the work in the Club to ensure its survival has become more healthier with several members coming forward to do their bit to spread the workload within the Club. I do not normally single out individuals believing it to be a TEAM affair and there is no 'I' in team which is the case in our Club, but must pay tribute to the current manager of the Club, David Osborne for his tireless work and efforts for the Club.

Unfortunately more work will be inflicted on certain Members of the Club with the information currently being received by our Lords and Masters at the Football Association that the Affiliation process for next season will involve the Club having to have a Safeguarding Officer and a minimum of four Members having attended a Safeguarding for Committee Members course together with passing the test, just another obstacle to overcome before we can think about playing football. Once again the Club are in no different situation to all the other Football Clubs up and down the country at grass roots level, but I am very confident that the Club will survive this further piece of administration successfully.

Before closing my remarks from the Football Club I would finally like to thank the Parish Council for allowing the Club access to the Parish Council Webb Site, so that we can publish our weekly match reports throughout the season on the site for everyone to be able to see how the Club is progressing on the field, this has been very much appreciated by the Members of the Club and its committee.

Once again our many thanks for giving us this opportunity to give a short report to the Parish Council.

### **Halse Junior Football Club**

**By Angela Gee**

Halse Utd have teams in ages U8 - U16 plus a men's team, playing in various leagues on Saturday and Sunday mornings They have 130 children signed onto the club, all playing at different venues.

Our team is completing its 2nd season with the club, and our first season using the new facilities here at Westbury.

We play on Sunday rnoonings in the Northampton & District Youth Alliance, which is a rew league for us. They currently have 4500 children from across Northamptonshire signed to them.

We have had a mixed season, but look likely to finish mid-table. We have reached the 3rd round of Northants County Cup and 3rd round of the league cup, which is a great achievement for the boys.

We currently have 1 player signed onto the team who lives in the village, we will be doing open training sessions during May at Brackley Junior school, fsr children in current year 7 at school as we are looking to add a couple more players to our squad.

We have our finalgame here at Westbury on 23rd April.

Next season will be a new challenge for the team as we move to 11 a-side football on a slightly larger pitch with bigger goals

We have built up a great reputation with opposition teams and the referees for our fantastic facilities and hospitality, and are currently rated in the top 2 in our age group for 11 out of 35 teams.

We are looking forward to continuing our relationship with you all next season.

## **Westbury Wilds**

**By Jacky Owen**

Westbury Wilds is about half mile north of the village towards Biddlesden on the left-hand side. The woodland is about 20 acres, held in Trust for the residents of Westbury.

There are five Trustees who are chaired by our Vicar Liz Simpson. The original wording of the 1764 Enclosure Act is painted on a board in the belfry of the church.

The Wild Trust has two functions:

- To keep the woodland in a wild environment, offering lovely walks.
- The villagers are entitled to any fallen wood.

There is a seven acre woodland to the south side of the green lane, on entering The Wild, which is private property.

We have in the past had trouble with travellers who cut their way into the Wilds and set up camp. After much expense and trouble, they were evicted. Since then the Wilds have been left in peace, but could do with a little trimming back in places. Nonetheless it is a haven for the birds etc. and well worth a visit.

We would welcome volunteers to help with tidying up the woods if you can spare the time.

## **Beachborough School**

**By Jeremy Banks**

This has been another busy year at Beachborough and of particular note is the construction of a new Design Technology Suite in the old courtyard. This will be a facility that broadens the curriculum further and contributes to the growing reputation of our school. We are proud to be a significant local employer and this development may mean further recruitment of local people from the parish. At the moment a number of Westbury residents work at Beachborough.

We continue to be as good as we can as neighbours and although the school has been on this site since 1942, we understand that villagers can sometimes be frustrated by the impact of our day to day work. Although there is a limit to the headmaster's authority new signage, frequent inclusion in our newsletter, emails and reminders at major events all helps to ensure that parents drive/park legally and respectfully.

Damage to our grounds and dog mess/bags remain a day to day concern for the headmaster and the community are respectfully asked to follow the guidance offered on the polite notices that were erected. Sadly not all notices remain, following vandalism.

In the course of this year there have been a number of ways that we have helped the community: A Westbury resident takes part in the school's triathlon club; the local badminton club use the Sports Hall; a number of village children took part in a primary schools' cross country match; Westbury Cricket Club use our grounds; a Westbury resident is using the building for his wedding reception; following strong winds, our groundsmen removed trees and repaired neighbour's property at no expense; our groundsmen offer ongoing support to the PCC of St. Augustine's.

We are proud to be based in this wonderful parish and we wish the Parish Council another successful year.

## **Thames Valley Police**

**By Nick Perks, Rural Neighbourhood Sergeant**

**Aylesbury Vale Local Police Area**

Thames Valley Police have, over the last year reviewed the way we respond to and investigate incidents and crime in our communities. Our aim has been to quantify if our structure and processes effectively manage the demand from and the needs of the public.

In response to our findings we will, during the summer, be making changes to the way we are structured working within three key areas

- Investigation
- Response
- Neighbourhood

The structure has been designed to ensure that we can effectively and efficiently target our resources at the areas of greatest need and enabling us to have the flexibility to better prioritise the way we respond to crime.

The structure will ensure we are agile enough to allocate our resources within the local police areas and across the force area to meet the demand at the time.

The numbers of officers and staff in any area within Thames Valley will therefore vary according to demand.

The new three hub local structure means that NHP officers will not be taken from their communities and will continue to focus on working within the community identifying issues, problem solving and preventing crime.

### **Overall Crime**

Overall Aylesbury Vale Local Police Area (LPA) has seen a minor increase in crime. The increase will be attributable to recent changes in crime recording standards and victim confidence to report on sensitive issues. Buckingham and District, which includes Westbury Parish has seen a 14% decrease in overall crimes reported to Police and a 15% reduction in victim related crimes.

Westbury itself is still a very low crime area. In the last twelve months there were four theft from motor vehicle offences of which two were at the same location as well as one dwelling burglary offence.

We continue to build on the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). We have invested heavily in a partnership approach to solve community issues and offer preventative advice. This has including targeting audiences specific to patterns of crime we are seeing to prevent members of the community from being potential future victims.

The use of social media outlets and Thames Valley Alert to pass messages and information to the local community has proved very popular allowing us to communicate with a much wider audience.

### **Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)**

As a local Policing team we work very closely with the CSP. This partnership approach has allowed us to effectively combat long term ASB and take action through a variety of different means. This has included evictions from properties owned by various housing trust and the implementation of Anti Social Behaviour powers on those individuals responsible in the local community.

This year has seen a further reduction in ASB in the Buckingham and District area. We have received approximately 25% fewer reports of ASB associated matters in the Buckingham and District area over a 12 month period.

Again Westbury has seen a very low level of reported anti-social behaviour in the last twelve months.

Coupled with the drop in ASB we have seen a decrease in violence offences across the Buckingham and District wards. Recorded incidents of violence against the person has dropped by 6%.

## **Protecting the Vulnerable**

The key focus for the NHPT is engaging with and protecting vulnerable members of our community. As a local Policing team we are responsible for engagement with repeat victims and vulnerable persons ensuring they are safeguarded and given access to long term help. We engage with victims suffering a variety of different offences or life events. Protecting vulnerable people is an area of our work which is growing and will remain a priority for us going forward.

We regularly review and adjust our patrol plans to focus our resource to be present in vulnerable or repeat locations at the right time. Although difficult to quantify the impact of preventative patrols our focus remains clear, reassurance to the local community, the prevention of crime and a reduction in demand on the Police Service.

## **The Coming 12 Months**

The new operating model structure means that NHP officers will not be taken from their communities. The Neighbourhood Officers alongside the newly formed Problem Solving Team will continue to focus on working within the community identifying issues, problem solving and preventing crime.

We now have an established team dedicated to safeguarding on the Local Police Area. This has proved valuable in ensuring the ongoing protection to those at risk of harm. This includes the provision of support to victims and preventative measures to combat offences such as child sex exploitation, domestic abuse, sexual assault, hate crime, honour based violence as well as missing persons and those suffering mental health problems.

We will continue to build on the work currently undertaken by the organisations forming the CSP in a joint effort to tackle and prevent crime and continue to reduce instances of ASB.

## **Westbury Village Hall Association By Vicky Webb**

It is now one year since we opened!

The association is in a healthy financial state. Annual running costs are approximately £20,000.00 which includes cleaning, licensing, refuse and services. Income received is from events, hire and the bar (which is quite even).

We have 10 regular clubs running not including the football or cricket clubs.

We have had some fabulous events including Race Night and the Village Quiz. We will be holding a 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party on 5<sup>th</sup> May (a Pig Roast) which will be free to everyone.

We have a wish list for things we still need to do including:

- Blackout blinds
- Converting the kitchen store cupboard to give more work space
- Paint work/settling in cracks
- Sound proofing

It's been a great year with a great team, but a lot of hard work.

Thank you to the 20 volunteers who came along to the Spring Clean on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

If you would like to be involved with WVHA, please contact Vicky on: [vicky.hopewalker@btinternet.com](mailto:vicky.hopewalker@btinternet.com)

## **Westbury Community Shop & Café By Sue Lucas, Chair**

We have now been open for almost one year!

It hasn't been an easy process and we are still learning. We are not yet making a profit and have a grant for staffing costs.

The committee is steady and committed and we have recently been joined by two new members Alison and Vicky, who bring a wealth of new experience.

Committee Members are:

Sue Lucas	Chair
Jo Lee	Vice Chair
Suzie Walton	Treasurer
John Heal	Secretary
Ros Christian	Publicity
Ann Bowerman	
Vicky Webb	
Alison Stone	

We are looking for someone with retail experience to join our committee. If this is of interest to you, please contact Sue on [sue.lucas@osmol.co.uk](mailto:sue.lucas@osmol.co.uk)

Our volunteers are very loyal and work very hard to help the shop succeed but we do need more!

Our aims for this year include:

- Adapting stock
- Marketing push
- New business plan
- More support from the village
- More volunteers
- Making a profit

The shop & café is an amazing facility for Westbury and acts as a community centre/meeting place for its residents which is a very satisfactory outcome.

We attract passing trade from Brackley and Buckingham and we also have walkers and bikers dropping in.

We ask for your continued support.

Thank you.

### **Westbury Young People's Project**

A video was shown on the big screen showing the success of the Youth Club. This can be found on the village website's 'what's on page' <https://westburyvillage.co.uk/westbury-young-peoples-project/>

### **Chairman's and Councillors' reports**

#### **Chairman's report – James Stone**

I'd like to start with offering our condolences to Derek Crane and his family following the passing of his beloved wife Lynnette earlier this month. I am sure you will all join me in offering our sympathy to them at this difficult time.

I'd like to thank my fellow councillors for their continued commitment, hard work and dedication to the parish and remind you all that they do this on a completely voluntary basis and have the best interest and wellbeing of the parish in mind.

I would like to give a very special thank you to Cathy Knott, our Parish Clerk for her continued dedication and support to the Chair, Councillors and parish. She really does keep us on the straight and narrow and always goes above and beyond the remit of her role.

During 2016/17 we have:

- Completed and opened our new village hall, shop and café.
- Had a number of first's....1st wedding breakfast, 1st 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party (and possibly last!!), 1st children's Christmas party etc.
- Been nominated and picked up a number of awards for the village hall.
- Welcomed many new families to the village, as our community grows with the introduction of new homes.
- Welcomed a new Councillor, Franco Capella who brings with him a wealth of experience on planning.

It just leaves me just to say a big thank you to all of you, for your hard work and support in making Westbury a great, fun and safe place to live.

### **Financial Statement**

Our financial position is strong, we have money in reserve to pay the retention to Edgar Taylor (shortly), a VAT claim to submit for 2016/17 which will provide towards a year's Precept in reserve (in line with BALC best practise). Through 2016/17 there have been a number of exceptional costs budgeted for from reserves including:

- Funding of the Westbury Village Hall Charity
- Supporting the Youth Club
- Legal support with the various leases, etc.
- Retention Payment
- Storage shed

The precept set for 2017/18 is £17,139.00 which is a 1.78% increase on 2016/17's.

The 2017/18 Precept has had to take into account a number of increased running costs that we are all privy to. However, where possible we have looked to mitigate these. For instance:

- We'd budgeted £1,800 for insurance and been able to negotiate a three-year deal which sees a 10% reduction on our premium per year.
- The clerk's salary has been frozen.
- We were looking at a 40% increase in our utility costs (lighting) this year. However, by undertaking a review of our tariff, supplier and mix of lamps (LED & wattages) around the village, we have been able to renegotiate our tariff and reduce the increase.

The accounts will be internally audited by John Marshal of NCALC on 18<sup>th</sup> May and will be made available to the public between June and July 2017.

### **Councillor Reports**

#### **Footpaths, Christmas lights, dog bins & grants – Cllr Sue Barrett**

For the last couple of years, I have been finding grants for the village hall which we have been fortunate to receive funding from. Going forward, there is little grant availability as most grants have closed. We are still however, looking for funding for Playing Field Road resurfacing. This is a challenge for 2017.

Footpaths around Westbury are in good shape. We have recently put together a Welcome Pack and the footpaths map can be found in this. It is also on the notice board, website and available from the parish clerk.

We have a good number of dog waste bins all around the village which are regularly used.

We had the largest number of participants at our Christmas Big Switch On last year at the village Green followed by more lights at the village hall.

#### **Rights of Way Footpaths & Village Website – Cllr Vicky Webb**

We have recently put in a complaint to Oxfordshire County Council regarding an application to the Definitive Map Modification Orders to add two footpaths and one bridleway in the parish of Mixbury. The application has been ongoing since 2010 and the delay has recently been extended by another five years. The delay to the determination of the applications causes friction between users of the paths and some of the landowners and is unfair to all parties.

This year we are looking into developing and improving the village website to make it compatible with mobile phones with easier to find information.

### **Village Hall – Cllr Robin Bone**

We were overwhelmed to hear that Westbury Village Hall had won the AVDC Building of the Year 2016.

The village hall is much better organised now that we have a new shed.

Thank you to everyone including the football and cricket clubs, for keeping the hall clean and tidy. We are all taking good care of it.

The acoustics are in the process of being sorted out in the hall. Currently we have a 3-4 second echo. This should go down to 2 seconds once the sound boards are in place.

We are putting together a snagging list for Edgar Taylor. If you find anything that needs to go on there, please let me know ([robinwestburybuild@gmail.com](mailto:robinwestburybuild@gmail.com)). We have had a few issues with heating, which will be solved.

We are very lucky to have such a great facility and we are very pleased so many people are making use of it.

### **Streetlights – Cllr Graeme Cook**

I have been working with Weston Power on fixed usage and am working with Balfour Beatty on options to replace some of our older lights in Orchard Place.

Balfour Beatty will soon be carrying out a safety check of all lights in Westbury.

We have four new LED streetlights at the bottom of Mill Lane.

### **Playground - Cllr James Stone**

The playground continues to be well used by a growing population of villagers of all ages. With this in mind we are keen to look at increasing the range of equipment available for all ages and abilities including accessibility to some items of equipment.

We have been in discussion with a number of playground manufactures at how we can introduce equipment for missing age ranges such as under 5's and over 12's. To this end we are looking to spend some of the S106 monies available to us to introduce:

- Climbing boulders
- Outdoors table tennis table
- Under 5's play gym
- Extended soft landing
- Gym equipment

### **Highways – Cllr James Stone**

As with all areas of the Public Sector, Highways have seen a marked reduction in their funding and this can be felt at all levels of the service we receive.

- Replacement of lamps and give-way signs
- Cleaning of verges
- Weed control
- Blocked storm drains
- Potholes and broken road surfaces
- Reduced frequency in cutting grass verges – almost on an adhoc basis now.

We have seen a marked reduction in Bucks Highways engagement with local councils in terms of the speed of repair, advice and reporting of issues. However, we have been fortunate in that Main Street and the top of Mill Lane was resurfaced last year – thank you Councillor Stuchbury for putting this forward.

We continue to work with all parties in relation to parking, speeding and traffic movements around the village and Biddlesden Road.

We are looking at the introduction of soft speed reduction measures such as installing signs on lamp posts with “20 is plenty” and more wheelie bin speed stickers.

**The meeting closed at 9.00 pm**