

Newnham on Severn Parish Council

Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 25th APRIL 2019 at 7pm in the Armoury Hall, Newnham on Severn – Page 1

Notes from the Parish meeting of 23rd April 2018

The notes of the previous meeting were circulated.

In attendance were 6 councillors, 2 members of the public and County and District Cllr R Boyles

To receive the report of the Chairman

Cllr Weeden welcomed those present to the meeting and made clear that this was an informal meeting where no standing orders applied.

Dean Road – issues with the road surface have been raised with Highways speed limit changes are also being considered. **Pedestrian crossing** Zig Zags have been extended and further parking restrictions around the Clock Tower not implemented. **EV Points** - an investigation is taking place into installing two points in the village with some support financially from outside agencies. **WI/ Club** – mediation attempts have not been successful, with some transparency issues existing between the two groups. The council remains in favour of a village hub and community facility at the club. **Re Newnham** – the council continues to support this initiative. **Post Office** – the future of the facility either stand alone or within another business in the village remains a concern. Loss of the facility would be a blow to many parishioners. **The Chains** – Pollarding of the trees in this area has been refused by the landowner. The general condition of the trees remain concern. Compulsory purchase has also been considered but is not viable. **Allotments** – An annual increase in line with inflation has been agreed and advised to holders. The first increase will apply to the 20/21 season. **Football Pitch** – Interest in using the pitch again has been expressed by two organisations, hopefully football will return to the village in due course. **Works at the green** are ongoing with installation of information boards remaining. **Parking** – remains an ongoing issue in the village. Discussions with the Masons re the use of their carpark are proving difficult.

Financial performance – The clerk gave information on the financial performance of council against the planned budget. Good financial performance was evident throughout the year and preparations for the annual audit complete.

County Cllr Boyles updated those present on a number of issues at County and District council. **NHS consultation** on local provision is currently active in the county.

Glos C.C budget has now been approved with £11M in additional funding being allocated for Children's services and £2M for adult social care. A **hospital education service** for severely ill children is being piloted in the county, allowing, via a robot in their classroom and an i pad for the child in hospital. This will allow them to continue in education in a virtual class room environment. **Victoria Hotel** a meeting of the Glos CC legal team is to take place in April when it is expected that a decision to issue proceedings will be achieved. The **lengthsman scheme** is to be replaced by a community scheme within which issues raised will be allocated on a task by task basis, rather than a period of time allocated to each parish, which proved to be inefficient.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

