

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR QUIDHAMPTON HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present	Chris Edge (Chairman)	Howard Rowley
	Bea Tilbrook	Ken Taylor
	Viv Bass	John Cater
	Hannah Kimmell	Paul Cripps
	Ron Smith	Jennifer Tyler
	Joy Wagstaff	Pauline Church
	Charles Frank	Clare Churchill (Clerk)

Apologies

- Sallie Davies (Quidhampton PC)
- Zoe Hoare (Sallie Hoare)
- Rev Woodley (Vicar of Bemerton Parish)
- Alun Richards (Bemerton St John Primary School)
- Pauline Church (Wiltshire Council Cllr)
- Hannah Brown (2 Quidy Club)
- Sabine Dawson (Quidhampton village hall)
- PC Matt Holland and PCSO Nicola Clarke (Wiltshire Police)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.04pm

- Welcome** by the Chairman of the Council:  
Chris Edge welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting** held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016. These have been circulated and displayed on the notice board.  
The Minutes dated 24/05/2016 were taken as read and approved as a true record of the meeting.
- Community reports**

**Community Police Report** – the following report had been received from the CPT.

### Police use of Taser and Body Worn Video Cameras

Wiltshire Police currently has 160 Tasers and is offering instruction to officers who successfully apply for additional training in an effort to help maintain public and officer safety by making a greater number of the existing devices able to be deployed at any one time.

Tasers are used by trained Police Officers in a number of ways, many of which involve no direct physical force to be used on a person. They can be drawn from the holster, aimed at the subject, have the 'red dot' pointed at the subject with the laser sight or activated so that an electric current is

'arced' at the front of the device, all of which can resolve incidents. Home Office figures released last week showed a drop in the number of times Tasers were discharged nationally.

Chief Constable Mike Veale said: "The use of Taser has been widely debated and I have carefully considered the options. I feel that by giving officers the option to carry Taser we are giving them the choice to use the tools available to us at this time to keep both keep the public and themselves safe. However, let me make it clear that I see the rollout of Tasers as a preventative measure not an aggressive tool. I also want to make it clear that it is not a tool to default to at the earliest opportunity; it needs to be used with precision, wisdom, proportionality and measure. I want to have the right resources in the right place at the right time with the right skills and accreditation to deal with the threat, risk and harm faced within communities.

"We constantly assess the current risk and threat in the county and I believe that it is the right time to increase the training in Taser and in turn, increase our capacity. Although Wiltshire is one of the safest counties in the country, we still face a rise in violent crime and the threat of terrorism remains very real throughout the UK. Taser can be used effectively as a deterrent or as a way of ending a violent situation where someone is at risk of harm."

In addition to increasing Taser capability, Wiltshire Police is rolling out body-worn cameras to front line officers and staff. Many of you may have already seen a number of our officers sporting the new body worn video cameras.

Mr. Veale said: "This new investment in body-worn video cameras will help us transform the way we work, allowing our officers and staff to do their jobs serving the communities of Wiltshire and Swindon with greater confidence and security.

"Our police officers and staff put themselves into volatile and dangerous situations every day and these cameras should not only act as a deterrent to those who may wish to cause them harm, but can also be used as valuable evidence when officers and staff are subjected to violence and abuse.

"It should also give the public greater confidence in our professionalism and, on the rare occasions where our service does not live up to our high standards, allow us to take action and learn from any errors or mistakes.

"These cameras are as much about the officer behind the camera as the person in front of it. They will help ensure Wiltshire Police continues to provide the high standards of service that both the Force and the people they serve expect."

### **Report for Town/ Parish Councils – Wilton Town and Wilton Rural Beats May 2017**

#### **Current local Policing Priorities**

- **Patrols to target Rural crime and Poaching**

Patrols by Police officers and PCSO's to target both daytime and night poaching at identified hotspots.

PCSO Nicola CLARK will continue to run targeted rural operations with support from our Rural Crime Team, Rural Special Constables and local farmers and landowners

- **Recent non-dwelling burglary series**

Targeted patrols following recent series of overnight burglaries to sheds/ outbuildings and commercial premises. Most recent offences

08/04/17 – Netherhampton Business Centre – attempt to force entry

19/04/17 – Broadchalke Primary school – damage caused to shed – no entry

- **Vehicle Crime – offenders targeting ‘beauty spots’ and works vans**

Local officers to patrols hotspots and issue crime prevention advice to remind owners not to leave belongings in parked cars. Recent increase in thefts of tools from works vans, offenders may be using ‘skeleton key’ or other devices available on internet to gain entry to vans. Recent offences –

- 08/04/17 – Burcombe – smashed window of vehicle and stole chainsaw
- 11/04/17 – NT car park, Dinton – smashed window, stole 2 rucksacks
- 26/04/17 – Seagrim Rd, Wilton – Landrover stolen then used in burglary
- 29/04/17 – South Newton – 2 x vans entered and power tools stolen

### **Local Police Contacts**

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[Community Messaging – for emailed updates, sign up at www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)

**Councillor Mrs P Church Wiltshire Council** – the following report had been received with apologies from Wiltshire Cllr Church who would arrive later;

Business as usual has been interrupted by the elections and the subsequent re-structuring of cabinet and portfolio holder posts together with the alignment of members on various committees.

During Full Council today (16<sup>th</sup> May) Baroness Scott was re-elected in her post as Leader of the Council and Allison Bucknell as Chairman.

Great news for south of the county, as tomorrow (17<sup>th</sup> May) we'll see a number of new portfolio holders from this area announced. More importantly, today 2 new locally based Cabinet Members have been announced; Richard Clewer (Downton & Ebbles Valley) looking after Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts & Tourism and closer to home, Bridget Wayman (Nadder & East Knoyle) looking after Highways, Transport & Waste. Bridget of course is in a neighbouring ward and on the same Area Board.

I've learnt in my first 2 weeks that Wiltshire as a county is going through a great deal of change and broadly speaking our top priorities are:

Protecting the vulnerable - 450 children and 3,200 elderly in our care

Protecting the local economy - 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the British Army is rebasing to Wiltshire meaning by 2020 we will have the largest number of Army personnel in the country and 15% increase in employment, mostly due to Dyson expansion and Boeing generating 1,500 jobs

Community working for themselves – more budget to be allocated to prevention, rather than “doing”!

From a local perspective keeping an eye on planning applications and lobbying for Wilton Parkway support is already receiving my attention. SLC have now issued their feasibility study on our railway station which will form part of my interactions with Wiltshire Council officers and Transwilt together with the Portfolio Holder and Cabinet Member for Transport to get us to GRIP stage 3.

**Bemerton Church – the following report from Rev Woodley was read out**

The Ecclesiastical parish of Bemerton stretches from Churchfields, to Fugglestone Red, and contains some 16,000 people. The church only 2 holds annual events in Quidhampton - the Christmas Carols in the White Horse, and the harvest Auction, also in the White Horse, but would be keen to do more. The church also owns Quidhampton Village Hall, its only asset apart from the 3 churches, whose lease is due up in March 2019. If there is a need for the Hall and it is used and useful, then the church is happy for things to continue as they are. If, however, it is not a boon to the village but a burden, then the church needs to consider whether this asset could be used to help the ecclesiastical parish or the village in better ways. The Church of England is facing a challenge of many clergy retiring (the post war boom) and so a shortage of clergy and a large pension bill! Pressure is being put on parishes to find their own answers to these issues, and as the largest parish in Salisbury we are thinking and praying about how to do this. If a house were built on the site of the hall we could employ a vicar "house for duty" who might serve Quidhampton and Lower Bemerton. Or possibly the land sold and money used to pay for any other sort of church or community worker. These are ideas, not plans, but I want you to know where we stand. I would welcome conversations with any one who wants to talk about these things further.

### **Quidhampton Village Hall** – John Cater read the following report

Lease. 2 years to run. Rev Simon would like the Hall returned to diocese but has given Quidhampton chance to demonstrate they need the hall. Extra events are currently being organized.

#### Financial Background

Previous Maintenance Projects in 2013-4-5.

New kitchen equipment. Refurb Loos. Converted from gas to electricity; all electricity installation refurbished; & new fire-fighting equip.

Whereas in 2016-17 there were no major maintenance projects!

#### Income & Expenditure

Income. In 2016-17 = £1,383.50 (£1,214 from Hirings and £169.50 from Donations).

Expenditure. In 2016-17 = £1,825.80 - made up as follows:

- Minor Maint. £464.73 (incl £296 for elec oven) £465
- Insurance £404.
- Utilities £397
- Cleaning £560

Making a Loss (Expenditure over Income of approx. **£442**.)

Hall's Combined Cash & Bank figure on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 was : **£2,080**

A question was asked;

Is there a need for a cleaner each week as users are expected to leave the hall clean and tidy.

After a brief discussion it was felt this is a matter for the village hall management committee to discuss.

### **Quidhampton Parish Council.** – Chris Edge read the following report;

Over my tenure as QPC Chair we have made noticeable changes to the village. Namely 20mph which has been a long process and thanks to Dave, Ken and Paul for all their efforts.

financially supporting the Village hall refurb and health and safety issues.  
Getting the school admissions policy altered to favour Quidhampton children more than before.  
Ongoing success of the Fireworks  
Still to pursue carry on  
Litter pick twice in the last year  
Parking and line painting and Parking ambassadors  
Parish steward, need to ensure the task sheet is completed to keep the service in the village.  
I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on Quidhampton PC which started back in 2012, especially working with the councillors who put a lot of work and time into their unpaid duties carry on.  
I hope to still be active in village but am stepping down from the parish council because of work commitments.

**Quidhampton Newsletter** – Bea Tilbrook read the following report;

The newsletter continues in the same way as it has since I started writing it in 2010. I still enjoy doing it. I think people ask me to put things in more frequently than before which is as it should be. I am always most pleased to put things in suggested by other people or, even better, written by them.

People still seem to like the reports of events as well as the advertising of events for the month.

I think the newsletter has recently been in danger of being dominated by biographies of the WWI servicemen and obituaries of villagers who have died but, much as I like to write about less serious matters, there is little that can be done to redress that balance.

**Distribution by email:** my list is now 91 and it gets distributed with Bemerton What's On to an additional 200.

**Deliverers:** after the death of Jim Goddard and the retirement of Ted Thornton I was overwhelmed with volunteers who were happy to take on their delivery rounds.

**Funding:** the Parish Council continues to give £80 a year which covers the cost of two 8 page editions. The rest comes from individual villagers and donations have ranged from £100 to £5. There have also been contributions this year from Salisbury History Society (after they booked me for one of their meetings) and the Friends of Bemerton School in recognition of the publicity we give their events.

I have not had to ask for contributions for several years and I have enough for nine months in hand. Some people make a contribution every year.

I could not produce the newsletter without the help of my husband Ken Taylor who gets everything ready for publication so it looks as good as it does.

### **First World War Project: Bea Tilbrook and Wendy Lawrence (read by Bea)**

The project to write about each serviceman who lost his life and is commemorated on the war memorial at St John's church is progressing as planned. 18 of the 41 names have been fully researched and biographies published.

The disparity in numbers killed each year is causing some problems with workload:

7 men were killed in 1914, 2 in 1915, 4 in 1916, 15 in 1917, 8 in 1918 and five died after the war.

This does help people today realise how the war dragged on for more than four years with the number of casualties relentlessly building up.

The workload issue is partly because since we began an incredible number of new resources and information sources have become available so there are more sources to check and much more can be discovered and written. Exciting but time consuming.

Social issues are emerging particularly to do with mobility e.g. many of the servicemen had little to do with our villages until the 20<sup>th</sup> century when they moved here from more remote areas. And many of the families who came here for employment then moved house several times.

We are disappointed not to have had direct contact with more families but some of the details have not been published in Bemerton What's On and I intend to do an appeal at the end of this year. Contact with the family of William Curtis (killed 11 June 2017) has been very fruitful.

The publication of the 15 biographies this year is an extra cost for the newsletter (the cost in the previous two years had been absorbed). I asked whether people would be interested in sponsoring the printing of a biography and have had enough responses to pay for most of next year's as well. Responses have come from Canada, from Bemerton, from people who live in houses near the soldier's house or came from the same village, from the families of soldiers whose biographies have already been published, and simply from people who are interested. It is most gratifying.

**How to mark the end of the project?** Perhaps it is time for a discussion. It was always understood that the parish council would like there to be something to mark it.

**2Quidy Club** – the following report from Hannah Allison-Brown was read out by Hannah Kimmell;

The 2Quidy Club was set up by Hannah Kimmell and Hannah Allison-Brown as a social club for the residents of Quidhampton. It meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1pm to 2.30pm in the village hall. Everyone is welcome and the entry fee is £2. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes are offered at no extra charge and it is a place where people meet to chat and relax.

The club started on the 7<sup>th</sup> March and runs during the term time. Money raised goes to the cost of the hire of the village hall (£20 for the winter months and £12 for the summer months), cover expenses of tea, coffee and milk that is brought and Hannah and Hannah take £2 each to cover the cost of cake ingredients each week. So far that has left us with a total of £48.60 profit which we intend to save and put towards a special event for the 2Quidy club that has yet to be decided upon.

As well as giving the village hall a regular weekly booking and therefore extra money, the 2Quidy club has been successful because it helps to bring together a community including creating number of regulars who enjoy their weekly catch up. It has also been a pleasure to see some villagers attend who, due to various health reasons, do not manage to get out that often.

Like all things, the future of the 2Quidy club depends on the on-going support of people in the village and will hopefully continue to encourage villagers to pop along for a cup of tea and a chat.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of people attending, excl. Hannah and Hannah</b>	<b>Total Profit made after expenses paid</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> March	15	£10
14 <sup>th</sup> March	15	£10
21 <sup>st</sup> March	20	£10.25 (money owed was backdated)
28 <sup>th</sup> March	17	£11.50
4 <sup>th</sup> April	14	£7
25 <sup>th</sup> April	10	-£8.25 (was taken from previous profit)
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	7	-£1.45 (taken from previous profit)

9 <sup>th</sup> May	12	£9.55
		<b>48.60</b>

**Quidhampton Flood Warden.** Ken Taylor (Flood Warden) read the following report;

The floodwarden's role is not onerous as most of the village is sited 2m above the Nadder flood plain.

There are two main risks the floodwarden addresses:

1. River flooding in an extreme event. The risk to property from river flooding by the adjacent Nadder and Wylye is considered low as an extreme 1000 year return flood event is not predicted by the Environment Agency flood maps to affect even the two lowest properties in the village.
2. Run off flooding during storms. During 2016, it's been noticed by residents that Wiltshire Council has been making regular visits to clear gulleys on Lower Road. Before this happened, one property at the Western end on the village was being affected more frequently owing to a gully vulnerable to blockage by gravel and leaves, and the unpaved Locks Lane was suffering from more frequent overspill from Lower Road.

A multi-agency pilot workshop organized by the Environment Agency was attended in Burcombe. In addition to a general update e.g. on the Avon catchment improvement schemes, Wiltshire Council emphasised vigilance by Parish Council's regarding flood risks when reviewing planning applications.

**Sovereign Set** – this meets six times a year in the White Horse. There have been new members and some members come from outside the parish, the average attendance is over 20 people.

**Bemerton St John Primary School** – the following report had been received. Unfortunately this meeting clashed with a Governors meeting so no one was able to attend.

#### 1. The School

The school serves the local villages of Bemerton and Quidhampton as well as Wilton and Salisbury. Children are predominantly from White British backgrounds. The proportion of children eligible for free school meals and the pupil premium grant is below the national average. The number of children receiving extra support for special educational needs is also below the national average. The headteacher, Mr Alun Richards, was appointed in 2011. The school is full and significantly oversubscribed.

#### 2. School ethos

The ethos of Bemerton St John's C of E Aided Primary School, is committed to providing a safe, caring and friendly environment for all staff and pupils.

The School encourages close links with parents and the community. The staff and governors believe that pupils benefit when the relationship between home and school is a positive one.

3. Numbers on Children that attend. Bemerton St. John is a smaller than average primary school within Wiltshire and has 210 children on roll.

#### 4. Latest Inspections

The School has recently had two inspections during March 2017.

The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). The Inspector said, "the distinctiveness and effectiveness of Bemerton St. John as a Church of England school are outstanding."

- The school's Christian values are deeply embedded in all aspects of school life and are known and followed by all members of the school community.
- The inspirational and caring leadership of the headteacher, supported by the religious education leader, enables children to achieve high standards within a highly effective Christian environment.
- Teaching about Christianity in collective worship and religious education makes a significant impact on the school's Christian character.

The OFSTED report gave the School a grading of '**Good,**' however, it was difficult to understand what more the School could have achieved to gain Outstanding as can be seen from the Inspectors comments below:

*The school is a place where the child is at the heart of every decision made. Lively and attractive displays of pupils' high-quality work in corridors and classrooms helps the school environment to be a vibrant and welcoming one. You have also developed curriculum provision, and have worked closely with the diocese and the local authority to secure funding to redevelop the village church, creating a space for the school to use for drama, assemblies and indoor sporting activities.*

*Pupils told me about their enjoyment of school. They were enthusiastic about the opportunities presented to them in the form of enrichment activities, including drama productions and sporting fixtures.*

*The behaviour of children around the school is a delight. They are open and honest in their discussions with one another about their learning and keen to share their experiences with visitors. You and your staff have fostered this by encouraging pupils to access every opportunity, giving them the chance to do the things that interest them and challenging them to try new things. One child said, 'What I love about this school is the support we receive from our teachers and the caring nature of the school.'*

## 5. Vision

The Childrens safety travelling to school is imperative and Governors will be looking to see how to improve this for Children coming from Quidhampton and Wilton by foot. The School would welcome an opportunity to discuss this with the Quidhampton Parish Council.

The School is at maximum capacity for the buildings and play areas it occupies and will need to discuss with Salisbury City Council and Wiltshire, ways it can maximise the facilities and grounds.

### **Quidhampton Fireworks – Howard Rowley read out the following report;**

On November the 5<sup>th</sup> 2016, the Parish Council supported the annual Quidhampton fireworks event. The fireworks event is self-funding and any profits made go into the village social funds to support other events such as the bus pass Christmas party. The evening was a complete sell out with lots of free activities, free sparklers and a disco for the kids with a terrific band for the grown-ups. The firework display was spectacular and very well received and we even had good weather. Thanks to Denese for the fireworks, the profit in 2016 was £1030.

This year the event will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Quidhampton Website.** Paul Cripps read the following report;

The village website provides information from the Parish Council as well as community groups, the police and others. Parish Council documents are available (minutes and agendas) as well as contact details for key officials. The village newsletter is also circulated on the website and has



readers across the world. Businesses within the parish are supported and feature their own page with links to their homepages and/or contact details.

In 2016, there were just over one thousand users of the website visiting nearly three thousand times, mostly from the UK but also from across the world. 20% of users are regular users and, overall, users spend around two minutes on the site each time they visit. We do not collect any detailed information about visitors to the site.

During the year 2016-17, community forums were added to allow registered users to post their own content and have discussions on village matters. A Community Alerts section was also added bringing information relevant to Quidhampton from a range of source including the police and neighbourhood watch with more news sources coming in the future. The Village Hall has also been registered as a local amenity with Google Maps so it now shows up on local maps and has higher priority in search engine searches. It has also been given it's own page on the website and on Google allowing it to be found much more easily by folks wanting to hire a hall and also to make it easier to navigate to; hopefully this will help the hall find more users. The website was also optimised further so stories are better exposed to search engines, helping people find our content. This was shown to be working as the stories on the A3094 roadworks in particular were right at the top of search engine results.

The most popular individual piece of content on the website year on year (and five years after being posted!) is still the post clarifying the story about the paper mill which disproves the Wikipedia entry for Quidhampton (and thanks to Graham Heeley for the clarification).

The website is supported by social media (Facebook and Twitter) where content from the website is republished and where relevant stories from other parishes, groups and people are shared; Facebook in particular is a growing platform. In a typical month, the Facebook page reaches over one hundred people with some individual stories (for example the details about the A3094 roadworks) reaching over a hundred people alone and shared by our new Wiltshire Councillor and a Wilton Town Council Councillor.

Plans for the year 2017-18 include adding some short biographies of councillors to the website, growing the forums and improving the flow of information to the calendar to make it easier to publish and circulate local events. It would also be nice to get more pictures of village life and events to put online and build a historical record of village life in Quidhampton.

Thanks are due to Ken Taylor who has taken an editorial role this year. Thanks also to Bea Tilbrook whose newsletter is consistently one of the most popular features of the website, most notably reaching a growing Canadian audience of late and also being read as far afield as Singapore and Australia.

If anyone would like anything published on the website, please do get in touch

Contacts: <http://parishcouncil.quidhampton.org.uk/contacts/>

Parish Council documents: <http://parishcouncil.quidhampton.org.uk/docs/>

Local Amenities: <http://parishcouncil.quidhampton.org.uk/local/>

Village Hall: <http://parishcouncil.quidhampton.org.uk/village-hall/>

Forums: <http://parishcouncil.quidhampton.org.uk/forums/>

Community Alerts: <http://parishcouncil.quidhampton.org.uk/alerts/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Quidhampton>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/quidhamptonpc>

Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/quidhampton/>

The paper mill story: <http://parishcouncil.quidhampton.org.uk/2012/06/quidhampton-paper-mill/>

**Village Entertainment Fund (VE Fund)** – John Cater read the following report;

(Account covers 10 months June 16 to March 17)

Income to V.E. Fund. Fireworks: £1,030 as at 31 March Income from 100 Club was £779 = approx. **£1,809**. N.B. 100 Club money still coming in from this financial period.

Expenditure by V.E. Fund. Bus-pass £147.10; Snacks after the Village-clean-Up £15; 100 Club Prizes £850 . Making Expenditure .....approx **£1,012**.

Excess of Income over Expenditure of ..... approx. **£797**  
V.E.'s Combined Bank & Cash figure on 16<sup>th</sup> May was: **£3,063**

**Neighbourhood Watch.** No report available. It was agreed that the NHW scheme should be resurrected if possible. A note will go into the newsletter.

**4. To receive brief reports on forthcoming events;**

- The White Horse Beer festival – this takes place from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June.
- Quidhampton Art Show – this will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the village hall. Ken Taylor reported that there are 6 village artists taking part.
- Quidhampton carols – this will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December in the village hall.

**5. Open Forum**

Speeding remains a problem in the village, cars ignore the 20mph limit and the road markings have already worn.

Pauline Church reported that the SWWAB were considering purchasing another Speed Indicator Device.

Clerk to write to PCC and request police enforcement in Lower Rd.

**6. Closing Remarks.**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.05pm