

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

There were thirty nine members of the public present including:

Paul Cripps	Howard Rowley (Chair)	Viv Bass
Fiona West	Rich Mullet	Maureen Goff
Hannah Kimmel	Sandie Smith	Bob Phillips
John Cater	Kate Cater	Bea Tilbrook
Jennifer Tyler	Abi Kingston	Jane Taylor
Denese Rowley	Steve and Joy Wagstaff	Clare Churchill (Clerk)
Martin and Lesa Drewett	Elizabeth and Graham Heeley	

Apologies were received from: Ken Taylor, Sabine Dawson, Sid Roberts and Pauline Church.

The Chairman of Quidhampton PC opened the meeting at 4.10pm.

1. **Welcome** by the Chairman of the Council:

As Chair of the Parish Council I would like to welcome you all to the Annual Parish meeting. As a Parish Council we have to have an annual parish meeting and we hope that by doing the formal bit as informally as we can you appreciate it more. This afternoon is an opportunity for you to find out what goes on in this great place we all call home, hear and question what the parish council does, listen to the people who volunteer to run clubs and events, hear how you can join in or take part

2. **Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting** held on 22nd May 2018. These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Community reports**

Community Police Report - PCSO Nicola Clark

Quidhampton has a low crime rate, not a lot of crime in recent months. Sheds remain an issue so please note the serial number of tools etc and let your neighbours know if you are going away. Aware that speeding continues to be a big issue in the village.

Questions to the Police;

How do we contact the police?

Dial 101 or email (details are in the newsletter) Also the Wiltshire Police website. Use 99 in an emergency.

The system for reporting oversize vehicles is no longer operational but please send details of regular offenders inc time and registration details.

The A3094 doesn't qualify for CSW, have the Police been asked to undertake speed checks on this stretch of road?

Unsure as this wouldn't come to a PCSO.

Can anything be done about lorries using Footshill?

Be proactive, contact the company concerned.

Councillor Mrs P Church Wiltshire Council see attached report

Bemerton Church no report received.

Quidhampton Village Hall see attached report.

In addition the hall is now registered as an Asset of Community Value.

Quidhampton Parish Council.

I have the great pleasure to work with an inspiring group of unpaid volunteers who make up Quidhampton Parish Council. The Parish councillors all live here, we all take great pride in living in such a fantastic community we all have a can do attitude to take tasks on. We are often hand tied by only having small amount of funds that we can control but as you will hear this afternoon we have councillors who can find ways to use those funds to the best of our abilities on your behalf. You might ask what does the Parish council do for me? You might ask if there is any more cake. Our role is to represent the views of all villagers on local matters, ranging from such activities as dealing with the Parish steward to get those little, irritating jobs around the village sorted to funding speed watch equipment to enhance the safety of pedestrians. Some things we do are noticeable such as the playground, some not as well publicised such as emptying the bin in the playground. I would like to mention some Parish Council activities from the past year and some on the way. We have achieved a lot this year but personally I have two main highlights this year, the playground improvements and how as a village we achieved front page news with our Armistice day commemorations. Who will ever forget the poppy display and the reminiscences from our fallen in the Great war which was brilliantly performed in this village hall. The Parish Council played only a very small part and my personal thanks go to the leaders and teams involved, you have my thanks for making this a very special occasion. Later on this afternoon I hope you will hear from the teams behind this project.

You will also notice new playground equipment. The last upgrade occurred (we think) in the 1980's and we want to give Quidhampton a play area we can be proud of. The PC has been squirrelling money away for the last couple of years and was struggling to find the £14k required for the climbing frame and improvements to the fences and gate. Ken Taylor found a community grant and worked extremely hard to get the money required as we would have been years saving up and where thousands of pounds short. Clare project managed the contractor and we now have the first new equipment. We will continue to save and raise funds for additional items. I must apologise to the teenagers who lobbied the PC hard for an improved playground as it took so long most have gone on to university now but you have left your legacy and we will continue to build on it. We organise an annual litter pick up and thanks to Dani Fox-Rennie for taking the lead. This year we had more volunteers than hot cross buns, fantastic support from parishioners, a resounding success.

You may or may not have noticed we have two noticeboard by the pub; the latest one is to advertise village events and notices of interest. Thanks to Nick from the pub for mounting it and special thanks to Rich Mullett for the refurbishment.

Speeding through the village, there will be a separate report later from Sandie who co-ordinates a dedicated group of villagers who are working within the Community Speedwatch scheme and an update on the speeding questionnaire. We have also joined up with other local parishes and purchased SID, a speed indicator device which flashes the speed. We will get our turn with SID very soon, as SID is being shared it will only be in the parish for a few weeks at a time but research has shown they are more effective if moved around rather than permanently sited.

I would also like to highlight where our focus lies over the next few years.

Viv Bass has led the way on adopting the phone box so that we can have a defibrillator. Viv has been working with a charity that specialises in converting village phone boxes into defibrillator stations, the PC are contributing to the initial costs and committing to a long term financial commitment for the consumable items and training. Thanks to Viv Bass for driving this forward.

A village map – Paul Cripps is working on producing a street map with all the houses on as we all know it's difficult to find houses with no numbers. The plan is to permanently mount it on the village hall so that it is easy for us, visitors and pizza deliveries. Thanks to the village hall committee for granting permission to mount the map and to Paul who also administrates the village website.

Speeding - As a Parish Council we approached Highways about any measures we could take and anything they could do to reduce speeds. We approached with the 3 following options:

Avoid: Could we come up with measures that stopped traffic coming through

Divert: Measures to divert the flow of traffic such as one way schemes

Control: If we can't stop traffic coming through are there ways of controlling how they come through the village.

We had some ideas but we thought it would be a good if we threw the speeding issues to villagers as we will probably get some ideas we never considered. This is why we have asked for responses through a questionnaire. No suggestion is off the table, we as the PC will work through the questionnaires and take forward the suggestions with the best credibility. If we have the opportunity to come back to you with the considered ones we will do.

Finally, I am grateful to all the hard working team of Parish councillors who put a lot of unseen work and time to make Quidhampton tick, to Clare for her control, guidance but mostly her restraint of my over enthusiasm and to Bea who keeps us all informed with an award winning community news bulletin. Each one of these people has those special and sometimes unique attributes that helps make the parish council function.

Quidhampton Newsletter

I took over the village newsletter in June 2010 and there have been 98 editions since then.

A paper copy still goes to every household in Quidhampton including 10 to the White Horse, and to Coffee Darling, Wilton Library and to WSHC. I was interviewed on BBC Radio Wiltshire about the newsletter this year and they wanted to know whether the paper copy was popular. I said yes.

People often say they like having the paper copy to hand to check what's on or refuse collection dates, and very few ask to have it by email, even though they would still get a paper copy.

There is an Email list – a pdf file sent to 97 people (102 last year but I cull it every now and again).

Only 28 are from Quidhampton, others: ex-villagers, pub regulars, friends, local history people, WSHC, Salisbury library, local police, WC councillor, Cricket Field House. It is also distributed with Bemerton's What's On.

Paying for the newsletter

Still printed by Spectrum Print, Wilton. Not the cheapest but good quality and most reliable. I believe both format and quality are important. £43 for 8 page edition, £27 for 4 page.

People don't say much to me about the newsletter but I think they like it because I seldom have to ask for money towards it. Over the years 41 village households have contributed to paying for it and 5 from outside the village. 15 have given more than once, some give a small amount every year and 2 households have offered to pay for an entire issue every year. I have been given a cheque for £100 more than once and I have had a £5 note tucked into my back pocket in the pub. Love the difference in contributions – it makes me feel it does reach everyone.

The Parish Council gives £80 a year, many thanks.

Currently: waiting list of 8 donors plus QPC. I last asked for contributions in October. There will be fewer 8 page editions now the WWI research is almost over so the overall cost will be less.

I do the newsletter because I believe good communication is at the heart of an active and caring community. I believe in celebrating achievements – making people feel good - and above all I believe in access for all - everyone should know about things and be given the chance to join in.

So I always try to write in the simplest language, not for an educated elite but everyone. And with no cliches but straightforward language.

I try hard to get items clear and accurate. I know I can irritate people with all my questions when they ask me to put something in but I always have the reader in mind and what they need to know. And it saves time to get things right.

There will be mistakes - as in all printed media - and corrections are always printed.

Thanks also to Ken who gets it ready for publication and the deliverers: Viv Bass, Sam Thake, Jan and Dave Barnes, the Herring family, and Elizabeth and Graham Heeley.

It was agreed that the newsletter remains the most important method of communication.

The emails that are circulated are appreciated.

Who delivers the newsletter – it could be delivered with Valley News.

2Quidy Club

The 2Quidy Club continues on in to its second year running and is still enjoyed by a wide variety of villagers. The club charges £2 per person for unlimited tea and coffee and a piece of homemade cake. As our members have grown so have their needs and we now offer gluten free options. Money raised pays for the hire of the village hall (£20 in winter and currently £12 in the summer but about to be increased to £16), tea, coffee, milk and both Hannah's take £2.50 to go towards the cost of providing 3 cakes every week. This year our profits have been spent on a Royal Wedding tea party, a 2Quidy Christmas lunch and some new cake knives for the village hall. Both the tea party and the Christmas lunch were well attended and enjoyed! To cover costs 2Quidy needs to attract an average of 13 people per week. The club often makes a loss by the end of the winter months but usually builds up its profits again in the summer due to a lower rental rate. There is a concern that as the village hall rent increases; the club may fail to make any profit. The club is hoping that some agreement may be found that offers a reduced rental rate to ensure the continuation of 2Quidy and Sabine has now suggested we pay for only 1.5 hours instead of the 2 saving us a total of £5 a week. Total profit currently stands at £13.97

Month	Average Number of people attending, excl. Hannah and Hannah 2018-19	Average Number of people attending, excl. Hannah and Hannah 2017-18
June 2018	10	12
July 2018	14	10
August 2018	n/a*	n/a *
September 2018	11	12
October 2018	13	12
November 2018	11	13
December 2018	18	13
January 2019	15	13
February 2019	15	13
March 2019	13	14
April 2019	13	15

*The club runs term time only

Quidditch Club

This is a club for families with children.

Totally delighted with the playground.

Easter egg hunt held with 25 children taking part.

Will be running a toy swap in the village hall.

Aware of grandchildren and they are also welcome to Quidditch events.

Details are in the newsletter.

Sovereign Set

This meets at the pub every 8 weeks for lunch on a Wednesday, it started following the demise of the WI. The menu is circulated and must be booked in advance.

Currently there are 30 on the books with about 20 attending. Please contact Joyce should you wish to come along. Everyone is welcome.

Bemerton St John Primary School

The school is about 18 years younger than the village hall.

Currently 214 registered pupils.

The new catchment area now applies.

In February 2019, the school joined the Magna Learning Partnership so is now an academy. Which allows easier access to mini buses.

The school house is being developed for use as classes.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust now working with children on wildlife.

Quidhampton Fireworks

There will be a fireworks event this year, the excess funds go into the VE fund.

2018 only just broke even.

Quidhampton Website

Please see attached report

Flood Warden

There are two main risks the floodwarden addresses:

1. River flooding in an extreme event. Most of the village is sited 2m above the floodplain. The risk to property from river flooding by the adjacent Nadder and Wylde 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. Blocked drains have been a problem in two locations in recent years : in Lower Road close to the A3094 T junction, near Bemerton Farm (just over the boundary in Salisbury).

2018 was a relatively dry summer, but there were notable heavy rains and flash floods on Lower Road in both locations during the 18/19 winter period.

When alerted via the MyWiltshire App, a suction truck has generally called and cleared blockages, however not alleviating an immediate and repeated flooding risk to one property, and some days flooding on Lower Road near Bemerton Farm.

I believe that remedial work is required to the drains at both locations, but consideration has ranked low given the non severe risk level and government spending constraints.

Residents are asked help council officials and the flood-warden, who may be away at the time, by taking photos during flash flooding and make reports via MyWiltshire to provide further evidence of the nature of the problems.

Civil Emergency Volunteer

John Cater

The Reason Why. Parishes are expected to have a plan to help deal with Civil Emergencies. These plans are designed to help support the professional emergency services; i.e. police, fire-fighters and the ambulance service. And, on occasions, if the professional services are overwhelmed with calls from elsewhere for help, the Parish would be expected to operate on its own until professional help becomes available.

Types of Emergencies. The sort of emergencies which we might have to manage are numerous, but the most likely are: major traffic accidents, perhaps on the nearby A36; a train accident on the

nearby railway; even an aircraft from one of the nearby airfields; damage to buildings from severe weather; flooding of any sort; loss of utilities - electricity etc ; outbreak of harmful diseases. etc. etc. Contact Details. Because of the wide scope and wide geography of possible accidents it would be inappropriate to draw up dozens of detailed plans. Therefore, Quidhampton's plan is based on listing the following:

- Names, addresses and telephone contact numbers of local people with appropriate skills.
- Names, addresses and telephone contact numbers of local people with appropriate equipment.
- Contact details of other organizations including the emergency services.

All the people mentioned in the plan are aware they are so listed, and each listed person has a copy of the plan.

Coordination. The author / coordinator of the plan is John Cater (Osier House, Fisherman's Reach. Telephone number 744 079; email: joka.cater@ gmail.com.

The plan is updated every two years, and when other circumstances dictate a change. The current plan is dated September 2017.

Coordinating Headquarters. It is envisaged that the White Horse pub (Tel: 744 448) and/or the Village Hall would become the coordinating headquarters of any implemented plan.

Quidhampton Carols

This year there will be a Christmas Tree festival running at the same time, the carols will be on the Saturday with the usual mulled wine and mince pies..

Please think about decorating a tree and bringing it along to the hall.

Bus pass party

The tenth anniversary is coming up, this originally started for those receiving a pension but is now open to all.

1st Saturday of December, usually have an attendance of 50-60.

The Poppy project

About 8 – 10,000 poppies were made and painted between everyone.

The end result looked fabulous and received wonderful comments.

The idea was started by Bea and it grew and grew.

What happened for the 100th anniversary showed what a wonderful community Quidhampton is.

First World War research project

When I took on the task of researching the lives of the Quidhampton men who died in the First World War and the effect of that war on the village I never dreamt how much interest it would generate or how strong feelings in the village would become. It was that strength of feeling that led to the service in the village hall on 11 November 2018 when the Quidhampton eleven were remembered and honoured.

All the 41 names on the St John's lych gate war memorial are now known to us, known as men with their individual lives and families. When we began only two of the 41 were known. Eleven turned out to be from Quidhampton, born here or living here for the last part of their lives. As far as we know they had never been honoured here as a group, and an astonishing number of villagers and the servicemen's families wanted to take part in the commemoration. That made it a very special service.

The life stories of the servicemen had already been published in the newsletter and I wanted the remembrance service to be more personal so I wrote a piece for each man as if they were speaking across the years directly to the villagers. It was low key, delivered in conversational tones, and I think it worked.

I would like to thank the ten villagers and one descendant who read the pieces and made it sound as if the men were speaking, Susan Drewitt for taking the formal service and Frank Hill, the bugler, who usually plays in the Salisbury market place ceremony and who said it was an honour to be with us instead. Many others helped prepare the hall, serve tea and coffee, made cakes, knitted poppies with a personal dedication – all the many many things that made it such a memorable day. Ken Taylor helped with a powerpoint presentation after the service and also put up all the wreaths on the doors of the servicemen's houses, or as near as I could work it out.

Most thanks must go to my research partner, Wendy Lawrence of Pewsey, who spent four years working with me. She uncovered the ancestors and basic facts of the life story of most of the servicemen. I filled in more details, sometimes very surprising local details, and the military history. Wendy was always on hand when I needed more background work or a second opinion.

Our research work has not finished. Three stories are still to be told, two of men who died after the war but whose deaths were a direct result of it, and one who I'm afraid was missed out. He was particularly difficult to identify but his story will be told in the July newsletter. He moved to Fugglestone just before the war began and was the only one of the parish servicemen to be killed on the first day of the battle of the Somme.

There is also the booklet that has been promised to every home in Quidhampton which will contain the words spoken at the service. I am still doing background research to be able to write an introduction and something about life in the village at the time, commemorations in the parish and the effects on village life. It might be appropriate to distribute it in November.

project

Community Speed Watch

Please see attached summary.

This continues to be active with teams going out in each of the two week sessions for the last 13 months, whilst some sessions have been cancelled due to poor weather (rain and fog stop play) the volunteers have been out in the hot days last summer and the very chilly days not that long ago. As a result of the commitment from the volunteers there has been a more visible police presence – the police prioritise support to communities with CSW. The stats are interesting, recently 306 cars were recorded in one hour travelling in one direction, admittedly this was when the A36 was busy but it is a lot of vehicles travelling along a road with limited pavements.

The presence of the volunteers does make a difference to some, cars frequently slam on the brakes as they come round the bend, fortunately no accidents due to the sudden braking.

Parishioners and cyclists often stop and thank us, some drivers also wave although some use a more unusual hand gesture and occasionally challenge the wearing of the POLICE jackets. The jackets are supplied by Wiltshire police and they are worn as the volunteers are volunteering on behalf of the police.

Sadly some of the speeders are residents but most are not, there are regulars and a letter has been sent to a couple of local companies who whilst operate in Churchfields may have vehicles registered elsewhere so outside of the Wiltshire Police follow up.

We would welcome new volunteers, please contact Sandie if you are interested.

Thank you to the team – Sandie, Joy, Dani, Ron, Sylvia, Kate, John, Bob, Ken, Jan and Alex also thanks to Christopher who supports from a distance.

And thank you to the parishioners who offer drinks and even ice lollies last summer.

Village Entertainment Fund

Background. This fund was originally started to help pay for a major V.E. Day celebration; in due course, Victory in Europe (VE) morphed into Village Entertainment (VE).

Uses. The fund is able to support issues in which the whole village has an interest and to which all villagers are invited. For example: parties in the Hall; the fireworks event; the poppy project; carol services.

Administration. The fund is administered by three villagers: John Cater, the Treasurer, and Vivien Bass and Jonathan Young who ensure proper use of funds.

Income. The income to the fund comes from donations and, until two years ago, from the small profit made by the 100 Club. The 100 Club made a small loss the year before last and ceased activity altogether over the last year (2018-19).

Audit. The fund is audited annually as at 31st March. It was last audited on 16 April 2019 by Ron Smith.

Current Value. The value of the fund at 10 May 2019 is £1,678.55 p.

4. Traffic issues on Lower Rd

Currently consulting on possible solutions to the traffic issue, this started in early 2019 with information on the website and a recent survey has been delivered to all households. The results of the survey will be considered at the July parish council meeting.

Has one way been considered?

This would increase traffic speed as there is no reason to slow down.

A lively discussion took place on speed bumps with some in favour and some against.

Signage was also raised.

Access to the village only as the 20mph doesn't work.

Those present were advised to be careful what you wish for.

Ask for another metrocount.

Have pollution levels been monitored?

The PC will follow this up.

Mr Nettle from SCC, sits on the Air Quality Group which measures major routes.

Wilton Rd, Castle Rd and Southampton Rd are the highest

Followed by London Rd.

Thank you to the parish council for doing what they can.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 6pm.