



## **Landford Parish Council**

**Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Start time 6.45pm in the Blue Room Landford Village Hall**

1. **Welcome** Chair Mary Davies welcomed the public to the meeting on behalf of Landford Parish Council.

2. **A report from Cllr Zoe Clewer (Wiltshire Council / NFNPA member)**

In a brief report **ZC** confirmed that WCC was in strong budgetary position despite inflationary pressures. In addition she confirmed that she and CC were doing more work on Fytyping (more covert cameras), Potholes and White lines. She continues to work on environmental issues, speeding etc and liaises with LCP (especially extending thanks to **MC** and **NB** in difficult times) and LPCP (including the cycling Group) and has an advisory role for Parishioners. **ZC** also has significant role with NFNPA where the work is varies and extensive **ZC** urges Parishioners to continue to use the MyWilts App to report issues and to work closely with our local Police officers. **ZC** will continue to try to communicate extensively via Facebook and Horizon.

**In answer**

3. **A report for PC John Taylor and PCSO Kate King.**

PC Taylor indicated that there was little report at this time. He did however state that the van recently stolen from Beech Grange, Landford had been recovered from Hampshire where it had been used in a crime. He highlighted an increase in keyless car thefts in the area (and suggested that Parishioners purchased 'Faraday Pouches / Boxes' to protect keys. He also reinforced the importance of protecting valuable items stored in sheds / garages by security marking, photographing such items and using substantial locks.

4. **A report from Ian Mettam IM, Chair of Landford Parish Community Partnership committee**

IM gave a brief history of LPCP highlighting the importance of the community questionnaires, pointing out that responses from Parishioners, available online and in print, have guided activity of LPCP and its close association with LPC, Wiltshire Council and NFNPA. He highlighted, as examples of current activity:-

a) The Cycling Group led by Mr. Robin Nelson.

- b) The Parish Hub – improving communication and the dissemination of information within the Parish.
- c) Recent grants (funded by moneys raised from The Parish Directory) which have funded capital projects to include Croquet Club equipment, photo boards for Photography Club, exercise bars for Extend Group, poo bins, table tennis table for Nomansland Rec.

**5. A report from John Fairhurst, Community Speedwatch Team**

JF explained that the CSW had been in action for 12 years and that its CSW findings had resulted in Fixed penalty Fines over £1,000,000 would have been raised. He highlighted that the problem of speeding was still very real although recently incidents of speeding had 'flatlined'. Since 2017 the arrival of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and in partnership with Whiteparish, much valuable data had been produced. A second SID was purchased in 2022. The data from the SIDS is shared with Wiltshire Police and now that data from 92 other SIDs in Wiltshire is being collated too the future for improved traffic speed, management and enforcement is looking positive. There is a plan to run this pioneering scheme out in other counties.

**6. A report from Mary Davies MD Chair of Landford Parish Council**

**MD** welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting (and to all meetings). She emphasised the importance of Parishioners being able to ask questions and express their views.

In her brief report **MD** highlighted the activities of the newly formed Youth Group (with thanks to Cllr Damien Swancott **DS**), the work of the Planning team, Roads and Highways, CSW, the Footpath Volunteers. In addition, she expressed her thanks and restated the support of the LPC to the Litter pickers group (organised by Steve Rouse), Forest Edge Group, Blackwater Conservation Group, Cycling Group, Maybush Copse Group (need to review what needs to be done) and those involved in maintaining the Landford Bog. The LPC needs to review the condition of the Nomansland War Memorial War.

**7. Questions and comments; members of the public**

One Parishioner asked whether there had been any progress on the matter of access to Recycling / Household Rubbish centres out of County – currently Wiltshire residents cannot use Hampshire sites. **ZC** confirmed that no decisions have been reached but that the matter was still under review by the relevant authorities.

There being no other matters for discussion the Annual meeting was closed at 7.30pm.