

Landford Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of meeting held at Landford Village Hall on 11th May 2010

Present

AA Westmore (Chairman)

J Wright (Clerk)

PCSO K Weston

15 Members of the Public

01/10 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor R Randall (WC) and Ms M Wood.

02/10 The minutes of the May 2010 meeting had been agreed and signed at an earlier Parish Council meeting.

03/10 Traffic within the Village

a) Mr Parker wished the village to consider the various options for reducing the speed of traffic generally within the village.

Ms Edmunds, whilst living in the village only 18 months, had already noticed the increase in traffic speed, especially buses. She asked when the last speed survey was carried out and PCSO Weston responded that she thought sometime last year and at that time the traffic was not seriously over the speed limit. The PCSO agreed to ask for a speed check to be carried out along Lyndhurst Road.

Speed Indicating Devices and the sensing strips are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and it was requested that the Parish Council should raise the matter with Cllr Randall at the next PC Meeting.

There was support for implementing the Community Speed Watch scheme and the Clerk noted the names of those interested in contributing.

The inappropriate use of Glebe Lane by HGVs was raised by several members and it was thought that whilst sat-navs contributed, the Highways Agency had more seriously contributed by erected the very large sign directing traffic to Landford down Glebe Lane.

Cllr Randall is putting pressure on Wiltshire Council to impose a 40mph limit in all of Landford within the National Park as has already done by Hampshire County Council, and to use roundels on the road surface instead of signs on posts.

04/10 New Road/A36 Junction

Concern was expressed that this junction was hazardous because it was so very difficult to turn right at busy times of the day. Ms Woods is to organise a petition to try to persuade the Highways Agency to implement some changes to facilitate right turns.

05/10 Summary of Parish Council Activity – by the Chairman

a) The Parish Council has kept the precept the same as last year.

b) It has considered 49 planning applications in the last year.

c) As with last year the toilets will be cleaned and opened at weekend and school holidays. The windows now have mesh to allow light to enter and yet offer resistance to vandalism.

d) The New Forest National Park Authority has provided enormous help, support and financial assistance in the acquisition and development of Maybush Copse. Wiltshire Council has of course contributed by agreeing to the asset transfer, and by the removal of the asbestos-cement sheeting and fly-tipping. Residents who helped to clear the scattered rubbish were thanked.

e) The Village Design Statement team were thanked for their great work in getting the statement processed as far as they have, a job well done.

f) Finally the Chairman thanked the Clerk and Parish Councillors for all their hard work throughout the year.

06/10 Village Design Statement

Cllr Morris wished to congratulate the VDS team on their work: it has been judged as a document par excellence. It contributes to Landford being viewed as a “star” parish by the NPA.

The adoption of the VDS by the NPA means that planners have to take it into consideration when considering planning applications. It informs planning authorities what the residents want Landford to be like.

The existence of the VDS and the Community Plan makes it clear that Landford is not just a backwater left behind from the days of Salisbury District Council.

07/10 Maybush Copse

Much of the first phase is now complete and it will be necessary to form a management committee and draw up a 5-year plan.

08/10 Verges

The NPA has already asked that Hampshire County Council does not repair broken away road edges by putting tarmac in the hole and thus gradually extend the width of the hard surface. It is suggested that, whilst the Parish Council has already made this request to Wiltshire Council, the NPA should be asked to lend their voice also.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m., when refreshments were available.