

Sutton Bonington Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 27th March 2023, 7.00 PM in the village hall

Members in attendance:			
Cllr McMullen-Kerr	Cllr S Collings	PSCO Kelly Carlile	17 members of the public
Also in attendance: Helen Chadwick, Clerk			

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ITEM	
1.	<p>Parish Council annual report</p> <p>1.1 The chair of the parish council, Julie McMullen-Kerr reported that the last couple of years have certainly proved to be challenging for any organisation and the parish council have continued to support the local community. The chair reflected on the activity of the parish council over the previous 12 months. The chair thanked parish councillors for their support and also for that of the clerk.</p>
2.	<p>Reports from community groups</p> <p>2.1 The following groups provided an update in their work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Hall Committee It was noted that it had been challenging for the village hall over the past couple of years due to covid restrictions and the loss of income. An open day has been arranged for the 10th May. It was noted that the library has undergone a refurbishment and there has been the creation of disabled parking at the front of the hall due to donations and grants.• Sutton Bonington Village Show It was reported that whilst gate numbers had been down the village show had been well attended. It was noted that the fly passed had to be cancelled due to the high winds but there were plenty of other activities including the hawk display, the Dexter show, punch & judy and the horticultural show. Plans are well underway for the 2023 show and the committee welcome new volunteers.• Sutton Bonington Local History Group The group last meet for their AGM in April 2022 with a presentation on 'Little Known Leicestershire & Rutland'. Due to falling membership the group have decided to have a change of focus and will only be holding summer outings. The group plan to continue with the sale of their publications to help with their fund raising.• Community Shop It was noted that the shop has been trading since October 2021 with very positive trading figures. Thanks was given to the local community for their support and also to the volunteers who are very dedicated. It was noted that the post master is retiring and the group are in the process of recruiting. The group will continue to look at the long term viability of the shop/post office when the lease comes to an end.• Lunch Club It was noted that numbers attending the lunch club are back to pre-covid with a few new members joining the club, the average number of diners is between 35 and 40. The club meet on the second Thursday of the month in the village hall with tea/coffee being served at 11.30 and a two course main meal at 12.00. June 2023 will see the 40th anniversary of the lunch club and this will be celebrated with a party. New volunteers are always welcome.• Playscheme It was reported that it had been a wonderful two weeks with man craft activities for those that attended, despite the numbers being a little low. Thanks were noted for all the volunteers and committee members. It was noted that the scrap book will be in the library from the 31st July to the 11th August.
3.	<p>General questions, items raised or suggestions made by members of the public</p> <p>3.1 Complaints were made about the short notice of the meeting and that it should be delayed. It was agreed that the parish council would review its advertising and try to ensure that as many residents as possible were made aware of the meeting.</p>

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3.2	The parish council were asked about the three wheelchairs that are in the village and suggested that something be done to advertise these.
3.3	Comments were raised about the flooding in the village
3.4	It was reported that Network Rail have approved the scheme and appointed a contractor for the repairs at Marle Pitt Hill. It was noted that they are only repairing the section that has fallen down.
3.5	Concerns were raised about the local bus service and that the service will be reduced and replaced with a dial a ride system. It was reported that Nottinghamshire County Council will make a decision on the service on the 14 th April.
3.6	A resident asked about the health service in the village and whether there is any sign of the development of new facilities. It was agreed that the request would be fed to Cllr Barney.
3.7	Questions were asked about the parish council allotments and whether there is a process for reviewing those that are not being used. It was noted that there is an inspection of the plots and if some are not being used the holders are contacted. There is an active waiting list. As part of the William Davis planning application is there the possibility of an extension to the current provision.
3.8	A resident asked about the playing fields being taken over by the football and cricket clubs. It was confirmed that there is no plan for the ownership of the playing fields to be transferred and that the site is for the use of the village.
3.9	A resident asked about the CIL money from the William Davis development and when it will be available. It was reported that the parish council are waiting for confirmation from Nottinghamshire County Council and when they know what is available a CIL group will be formed. Local community groups will be able to submit requests for funding but they will have to meet the criteria set out by the County Council.

Meeting closed at 20:00

AGREED AS A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING	
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SIGNATURE:	
DATE:	