

MINUTES OF THE NETHER WINCHENDON PARISH MEETING

held at
St Nicholas Church, Nether Winchendon
On Monday 7th October 2019 at 8.00pm

- Those present: Vanessa Howe, Katharine Cook, Ben Crowther, Matthew & April Hall, Nigel and Anne Cox, Gill Jones, Della Hill, Becky Skingle, Sarah Evans, Alistair Jackson, Simon Fletcher, Mark Skold.
- 1. Apologies** David Cook, Phil Youell, Lynne & Pete Roberts, Nicola Bullock, Mike and Heather Wagner, Richard Skingle, Gladys Arnott.
- 2. Acceptance of minutes** The minutes of the Meeting held on 1 July 2019 were unanimously accepted.
- 3. Matters arising:**
- Update on Voneus Voneus had indicated that they wish to improve the service provided to the village. They are looking at the possible introduction of a fibre connection.
- Chearsley bonfires There have continued to be fewer bonfires this year, but it was noted that the village would continue to keep this under review. We should continue to report bonfires to Ben Crowther.
- 4. Correspondence** This is sent out to the village via email.
- 5. Treasurer's Report** The Fete results had not been finalized pending the receipt of £200 from Voneus for advertising.
- Two gazebos were purchased for the fete at a cost of £579.47. It was agreed that if we need equipment (such as urns, tables and chairs) for next year's fete they should be paid for out of the NW Trust Fund.
- 6. Report from the Environmental Sub-Committee** There was nothing to report from the Environmental Sub-Committee.
- 7. Report from the PCC** It was noted that the forthcoming Harvest Evensong would be followed by wine and nibbles, and that all were welcome.
- It was noted that the Soldier of Remembrance would be placed in the village at the bench near the church.
- 8. Report from the Friends of St Nicholas** The AGM of the Friends of St Nicholas would take place on 14th October, and all would be welcome. It was planned that there would be an appeal to all villagers to become members of the Friends as part of a fish and chips quiz night in the New Year, date to be confirmed.

9. 2019 Fete Report

The Fete Committee will continue to prepare for the 2020 Fete. It was hoped that more helpers would be able to contribute to the Fete in 2020.

10. Village Projects

CPR and first aid training: Nigel reported that there had been a good response to the CPR course invitation. Stoke Mandeville Resuscitation Unit had offered to run these sessions and Nigel would confirm timing and numbers. No charges would be made but the Unit would be grateful for a donation and it was agreed that the village would make a donation of £300.

Village Party/Event: A committee had been formed to organise this. It is likely that this would happen in the Spring of 2020.

Christmas tree and lights: Ben Crowther agreed to check options for external lights.

Phone box conversion to a book swap. The repainting of the phone box and the addition of shelving would total £900. It was agreed that this should take place. It was also agreed to leave the existing telephone in the box and that villagers would provide the books.

Plants: Anne Cox had contacted Waddesdon Estate. The Estate Manager had confirmed that any planting could only take place with permission from the NW Estate. Anne Cox undertook to contact their representatives (Shields) to obtain permission for this.

11. Village Environmental Project

It was noted that a meeting would be held in September, chaired by Vanessa Howe, to discuss the following items:

- Dialogue with Waddesdon Estate
- Pollinators and wild flowers
- Energy saving and generation

Simon Fletcher undertook to email the village with a text for a non-binding motion to declare a climate emergency which would be sent to AVDC (see attached) for discussion at the village meeting in January 2020.

12. AOB

There was no AOB.

13. Date of future Meetings

6th January 2020 (election of officers)