

# Nether Winchendon Parish Meeting Minutes

St Nicholas Church, Nether Winchendon, 8 January 2019 at 8pm

- 1 **Those present** Matthew & April Hall, Vanessa Howe, Claire & Matt Podesta, Katharine Cook, Joe & Caroline Cobb, Alistair Jackson, Mike Wagner, Ben Crowther, Lynne & Pete Roberts, Gladys Arnott, Nicola Bullock, Andrew Money-Kyrle.
- 2 **Apologies** Richard & Becky Skingle, Heather & Tim Reading, Nigel & Anne Cox, Phil Youell, David Cook, Mark Skold.
- 3 **Acceptance of minutes** The minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January 2019 were unanimously accepted.
- 4 **Matters arising:**
  - Potential projects for village funding Thank you to Ben Crowther, who has sent out a survey and collated the feedback. The ideas were discussed and Ben will send a summary out to the village via email. The intention is to take a vote at the village meeting in July.
  - Village noticeboard Matt Podesta has very kindly repaired the noticeboard. Thank you.
  - Update on Voneus Phil Youell will meet the CEO of Voneus on the 8 April with the following agenda:
    1. Update on the plan to bring the signal via the church and bringing all the village on line
    2. A new plan to bring fibre to households in Nether Winchendon (securing up to 500mbps)
    3. Specific issues relating to areas of the village experiencing deterioration in promised performance quality.Phil has suggested it may be helpful to have a small group of users representative of each area of the village: one from the top area of Barrack Hill, one from the T area at the bottom of Barrack Hill, one from the south side and one from the north side of the road towards Cannons Hill and one from the cluster of houses as you leave the village. Gladys Arnott, Nicola Bullock and Lynne Roberts all agreed to join the working group.
- 5 **Correspondence** This is sent out to the village via email.
- 6 **Treasurer's Report (including anticipated expenditure for the year)** Alistair Jackson presented the accounts for the NW Trust and the Parish Meeting (see attached document). They were approved unanimously.

In summary, the balance in the Parish Meeting Fund is £9,107, and £14,890 in the NW Trust Fund.

The expenditure for next year was anticipated to be around the same as this year.

A vote was taken to decide on the split of the fete proceeds. A majority voted to keep the split the same as last year, ie 50% of the fete proceeds will go to the Friends of St Nicholas, with the remaining 50% split between the NW Trust and the Parish Meeting.
- 7 **Report from the Environmental sub-committee** Nothing to Report.

Please email any suggestions on the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan (sent to the village via email on 20 March) to Matthew Hall.

- 8 **Report from Trustees of NW Trust** The Trust Deed is currently being reviewed by the trustees, no material changes are being proposed and the Trustees will present a revised Deed for approval at the next village meeting.
- 9 **Report from the PCC** The PCC have submitted a proposal to the diocese for a toilet and kitchen at the church. They will report back to the village meeting when they have received feedback on the proposal.
- 10 **Report from the Friends of St Nicholas** Matthew Hall reported the FoSN are reviewing their objects in order that the curtilage of the Church is included. This will enable the FoSN to support requests from the PCC to include outside of the Church building but within and including the Church walls. An application is being made to the Charities Commission to this effect.
- 2019 Fete** Once again the objective is to raise £10k.
- The event that was to take place on 7 June has now been cancelled which means that the set up times will be as previous years. Phil Youell has asked for any vehicles, particularly flatbeds, to help on Friday evening and Saturday morning.
- This year the ticket price will be £2, with under 10s free (no OAP reduction).
- The committee are seeking advertisers, sponsors, crockery, volunteers help with splat the rat, parking and children's races.
- Raffle tickets will be ready in time to sell at the May bank holiday cream teas.
- An after party will be organised.
- 11 **AOB** Potholes: the council are repairing potholes in the village.
- Chearsley bonfires: Ben Crowther had received a request to support the growing concerns around the bonfires and specifically what is being burnt, in the field, on the Chearsley Road between NW and Chearsley. Villagers are asked to record the time and date of bonfires and forward them to Ben Crowther, who will pass them on.
- 12 **Future meeting dates** 1 July and 7 October 2019.