**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 25TH APRIL 2017**

**APRIL 2016:**

The meeting was attended by PCSO Ellen Carter who gave an update on theft and suspicious activities in the Parish; illegal parking at junctions was also again discussed. WC Anna Cuthbert has been liaising with Aster concerning properties in the village.

The Pavilion clock to be inspected.

Mr Chris. Hayward (Agri Services) was given the contract for the recreation playing fields.

**MAY:**

New quotes for play area fencing to be obtained. A Tennis Club open day at the Pound was well attended. A PWLB Loan was suggested due to difficulties obtaining grants to update our play areas.

**JUNE:**

Thanks to Tracy Collins for organising a weekend of celebrations for the Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebrations.

Mr D Read did an excellent job of clearing land at the end of the cemetery.

The PC agreed to contribute 25% of the cost to lower the kerbs at Minty’s Top.

Due to family commitments Councillor Mr Paul Mortimer resigned. This position to be filled by co-option.

The new safety surfaces and goal ends have now been installed at the Pound play area.

**JULY:**

13 residents from Westbrook attended the meeting with concerns regarding parking issues caused by the re-opening of the Westbrook Inn. A request for ‘no parking’ signs sent to WC.

The new allotment lease was finally agreed for a new seven year period.

The Clerk’s salary was reviewed.

**AUGUST:**

No meetings held in August.

Caroline Jones painted the Pound Play area equipment

New Road Appeal refused on Thursday 25 August, 2016 by Inspector Richard Clegg.

**SEPTEMBER:**

All volunteers for the village Community Watch scheme are now trained; the team will share equipment with two other villages.

The old rubber safety surface tiles from the Pound were sold for £750, it was agreed for Mr Read to make and erect two oak picnic benches with this money.

The owner of Battle House agreed to trim back the trees over hanging the High Street in late Autumn.

The Social Centre has a new booking Officer Mr Peter Gillingham.

Mr w Pardoe was this year’s winner of the Best Kept Allotment.

New ‘no parking’ signs for Westbrook Green were been provided by the proprietor of the Westbrook.

3 applicants applied for the co-opted position of Parish Councillor.

The PC had no objections to the Twinning Association becoming separate from the PC.

Following negotiations with Outreach Post Office Services and the Social Centre, it was agreed that an outreach service would be supplied for 2 sessions/week at the Social Centre – Monday 2-4pm and Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am. Many thanks to Councillor S Skelt for leading this on behalf of the PC.

**OCTOBER:**

Two applicants for co-option attended a pre council meeting to introduce themselves.

The Crown representatives now from Savills attended the meeting. Future housing development was discussed.

Football club representatives also attended this meeting to discuss their plans for grants to update equipment and lighting. Also a report of the 5 new teams now uses the pitches.

It was agreed to apply to the Area Board for a grant for new fencing for the Social Centre play area.

The New Road planning Appeal is in discussion between the land owners and WC.

The Social Centre accounts were agreed by the PC as Trustees of the centre.

Reduction of the oak tree to the rear of the Social Centre was agreed at £825.00 + VAT

Mr Richard Butler was co-opted t the Council.

**NOVEMBER:**

It was agreed to hold a Public Meeting in January to discuss financing the new play area equipment which will cost approx.. £25,000

The Youth Club is up and running with grants from the Area Board. 3 paid Youth Workers are employed to run the club but volunteers and committee members are still required.

56 pensioners living on their own to receive a Christmas card and £5.00. The Raby Fund is topped up each year by a donation from the carnival Committee.

Mr Ivor Gardner received £20.00 as the oldest ex-service man from the J G Davis Fund.

Other donations made were: £250 Parish Magazine, £100 Monday Club, Wilts. Air Ambulance £100.00 Dorothy House £100.

Due to lack of use the kiosks at Highfield and Westbrook are to be decommissioned.

**DECEMBER:**

Due to illness the Cemetery Care Taker Mr Bruce Bullock had to resign, following 10 applications and a short list of 3 local applicants, it was agreed to employ the trio Mr Davis, Mr Nash and Mr Price for 25 hours/month.

Wyatt’s lake and the land opposite are being monitored by WC Officers.

WC issues are very slow to resolve, all issues are now logged on line, Bromham has 37 issues outstanding.

3 acres and 3 small vacant allotments to be advertised.

The Youth Club received two grants - £5000 from the Devizes Area Board and £1500 from the Calne Area Board.

Precepts: this was agreed to remain the same as last year at £39000.

The Village Christmas tree was erected thanks to Mr N Paget and Mr Drew.

**JANUARY 2017**

Wyatt’s lake – a WC multi agency meeting was arranged.

The new oak benches to be installed at the Pound and on the Millennium Field. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Read and Family.

The Annual Policies and Rick assessments were carried out. It was agreed that the Pavilion inspection would now be carried out annually. A £100 donation was made to Devizes LINK and ££25.00 to the PCC as a contribution to the electric for the Christmas Tree lights.

**January 31st:** at this public meeting it was agreed to apply for PWLB Loan to cover the cost of the Social Centre play area refurbishment. The Parish Council will now apply for Borrowing Approval.

It was also agreed that the annual Sandridge Community Fund of £779.28 received would contribute to the first years re payments. The Millennium Field repayments end in 2018 so these funds could also cover future re payments.

**FEBRUARY:**

The Youth Club employed a new Leader Mr Darren Barber.

It was agreed to purchase a new notice board for the Village car park.

Bromham has entered the Best kept village again this year to be judged at the beginning of June.

A survey of all Parish Footpaths has been carried out in conjunction with WC.

**MARCH:**

It was agreed to have the Village carpark re lined by Thornsbury LTD at a cost of £650 + VAT

Following the Parish Meeting The PC also agreed to obtain a PWLB Loan of £25,000 for new equipment at the Social Centre Play area, new quotes have been obtained which include two new large multi play items with a slide, a toddler bay swing, new safety surfaces and a metal hooped top gate and fencing. The basket swing and round a bout will remain.

Metro counts for traffic speed have been requested for New Road and the Pound.

A £100 Donation was made to Wiltshire Carer Support.

The further request for a 20mph speed limit in the village is to be forwarded again to WC.

A new Pavilion clock is to be purchased. A parishioner has agreed to make a donation towards this.

**Parish Council Elections:**

**11 parishioners were nominated therefore no election will be required.**

**The PC can now co-opt to make up the required 13 councillors.**

**THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE VILLAGE:**

Councillors - Out going S Skelt, P Thomas, C Read, R Butler New: Mr Dunn, Mr Cavill

B Bullock + New Trio

E Brown

R Humphries

Mr Mrs Collens – Notice boards

D Fillis

Mr Handy Westbrook

N Paget

S Dolman – Orchard and the BMX track. Also cemetery maintenance between caretakers.

Chris Hayward –grass maintenance

Caroline Jones – Pound playing field and tennis court.

J Drew & PCC Xmas Tree

Joy Todd –Webmaster

WC Representatives - Anna Cuthbert