

Sparsholt Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting 18 April 2018

Present:

Sparsholt Parish Council: Cllr S Wood, Cllr S Wooles, Cllr J Alexander, Cllr S Annesley, Cllr P Chadwick, Cllr J Little, Cllr N Reid

Other: Mrs J Judge, Clerk and 25 members of the public

Apologies:

Cllr P Chadwick, Cllr A Osmond, Cllr J Warwick, Cllr C Horrill

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 26 April 2017

The minutes were approved and signed. There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

2. Sparsholt Parish Council Annual Report

Mrs Wood gave the Annual Report of Sparsholt Parish Council (attached)

Reports from Village Organisations

St Stephens with Lainston

Rev Jax Machin updated the meeting on Church activities as attached

Sparsholt Women's Institute

Mrs Brenda Fletcher, President, outlined the events and meetings that had taken place and highlighted the full programme for the 2018 year as attached

Sparsholt Village Shop

Many villagers had attended the recent AGM of the Shop with the report of this attached

Ham Green Volunteers

The Chair highlighted the call for more volunteers and the plan to later in the year improve Winter access by hard surfacing the worst of the muddy areas along the bridleway. Terry Dunn, Group Leader, thanked all those involved in supporting Ham Green Volunteers. Full report attached

Reports had also been received from the **School** and the **Memorial Hall** as attached.

3. Report from County Councillor J Warwick

Cllr Warwick was unable to attend the meeting and had sent a written report which was read to the meeting by Cllr Wooles

4. Report from City Councillor Caroline Horrill

Cllr Horrill was unable to attend the meeting and had sent a written report which was read to the meeting by Cllr Wooles

The Chair opened the meeting to questions.

As outlined in the Chair's report Ecotricity had submitted a planning application to vary conditions to various parts of the approved AD plant and the educational building at Sparsholt College. A parishioner asked if straw were to become a feedstock what impact this would have traffic. The Chair explained that the Parish Council were currently finding out more about the detail of this application and would keep parishioners informed.

A parishioner highlighted the number of road traffic accidents by the Rack and Manger. Cllr Wooles, portfolio holder for Highways, explained that Sparsholt Parish Council had long been concerned with the speed of traffic on the B3049 and the large number of incidents both at the Rack and Manger and the junction of Woodman Lane and Stockbridge Road. The Parish Council continued to liaise with the relevant authorities and was pursuing the parishioner's concerns.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed..... Date.....