

## Sparsholt Parish Council

### Annual Parish Meeting 20 April 2016

#### Present:

**Sparsholt Parish Council:** Cllr S Wood, Cllr S Wooles, Cllr S Annesley, Cllr K Cobbold, Cllr J Little, Cllr A Osmond, Cllr N Reid

**Other:** Cllr Phil Bailey, Cllr Caroline Horrill, Mrs L McCarthy, Mr A Barron, Mr T Dunn, Dudley Rees (part), Mrs Judge (Clerk) and 10 members of the public

#### Apologies:

Revd J Machin, Mrs L McCarthy, Mr T Jackson.

#### 1. Sparsholt Parish Council Annual Report

Mrs Wood gave the Annual Report of Sparsholt Parish Council (Annex A).

#### 2. Report from County Councillor Phil Bailey

Cllr Bailey gave a report, notes attached (Annex B). Cllr Wooles thanked Cllr Bailey for his work related to the parish. A member of the public referred to the ongoing problem with potholes, highlighting the fact that despite extensive work as part of Operation Resilience, these had reoccurred leading to concerns about quality control. Cllr Bailey agreed that this was disappointing and reminded parishioners that requests for emergency repair could be made via <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roads/roadproblems/report-pothole.htm>

#### 3. Report from District Councillor Caroline Horrill

Cllr Horrill's gave her report following Item 4 (Annex C).

#### 4. Reports from Village Organisations

##### Sparsholt Church of England Primary School

Mrs Lindsay McCarthy, Headteacher, gave a report as attached (Annex D).

##### St Stephen's Sparsholt with Lainston

Mr Alastair Barron gave on report on behalf of Rev Jax and the PCC. Referring to Mark 16 "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation" he emphasised the issue of mission. Whilst numbers attending church across the Diocese had risen it was not just about "bottoms on seats". Links to the school were highlighted together with Messy Church and pet services. The Reverend David Mapes, had been appointed. The PCC did a grand job and Mr Barron extended thanks to all involved including worship leaders, flower arrangers, the choir and invited all that may wish to participate in any way to contact him or anyone else at the Church.

##### Sparsholt Village Shop

Mr Barron, Chair of the Village Shop Association, reported that the shop was going well with a broad range of lines and 40 people involved. However, revenues were down 9% on the previous year and fundraising was keeping the shop solvent. If each villager spent around £5 a month it would make a significant difference. **Please shop.**

##### Sparsholt Women's Institute

A written report had been provided which was read by Cllr Annesley (Annex E).

##### Ham Green Volunteers

Mr Dunn gave a report notes of which are attached (Annex F).

##### Sparsholt College

A written report was provided which was read by Cllr Reid (Annex G).

#### 5. "Rural High Speed Broadband for Homes and Businesses with the Phone Call"

With villagers concerned about broadband speeds Mr Rees was invited to explain how Gigabeam could potentially help. Presentation attached (Annex H).

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

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