

OVER HADDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Over Haddon Village Hall, on Thursday 30th April 2015 at 8 pm

Present:- Bob Osborn (Chairman), Tricia Gillies, Colin Nicol, Roger Truscott, Olga Truscott, Dick Foxon, Stephen Miller, and Jan Langdon.
Cllr Judith Twigg
Helen Foreman (Clerk)

1. Apologies:, Cllr Carol Walker, Phillipa Tilbrook-Heath, Alison Nicol, Ian Osborn, Jen Foxon.

2. Previous Minutes

RESOLVED – To confirm as a correct record, the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 30th April 2014.

Proposed by :- Dick Foxon.
Seconded by :- Roger Truscott.

Signed by Councillor Osborn (Chairman).

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes

Councillor Judith Twigg asked why we had a copy of the Annual Governors Report from Monyash Primary School. It was explained that there are now quite a few children in the village who attend Monyash School.

4 Financial Statement

The Chairman, Councillor Osborn, gave an explanation of the Annual Parish Council accounts for 2014-2015, stating that they had been approved and signed off by the Parish Council on Monday 13th April 2015.

He said that the expenditure had been around the same as in previous years and the increase in the spending and precept was to cover the cleaning costs of the public toilets.

He also said that the Parish Council would try and make a donation to Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport every year as it is used by a few

residents in the village on a regular basis.

Proposed by :- Colin Nicol.

Seconded by :- Stephen Miller.

5. Chairs' Report

Councillor Osborn reported that the Parish Council held 7 meetings this year, most of them being business as usual.

He reported that the Council were in favour of a defibrillator in the village and had been considering a location when contact was made with the Community Heartbeat Trust who proposed to adopt the telephone kiosk on Main Street. BT also offered to maintain the electricity supply for seven years. There was then a delay due to the approaching elections and the Purdah period, but further details would be published later after a flyer had been delivered around the village for any comments/donations.

He stated that it has proved beneficial to keep the public toilets open all year round, the Parish Council having taken over the cleaning costs. There have been no complaints about the toilets to date.

He stated that the Precept had not been increased this year as there was float and the council decided to recuperate any election costs and defibrillator costs next year.

He reported that as a result of the BOAT application an open meeting was held and at this point in time the application had been rejected, however, it may be subject to appeal.

He stated that the Parish Council had continued as members of the Derbyshire County Council snow warden scheme this year, but there had been no visible signs of this this year, he was pleased to say as there had been no bad snow.

He reported that three current Councillors have chosen not to stand at the election. Only two candidate submissions have been received so there would be no election as such.

He thanked Colin Nicol and Tricia Gillies for their many years of service to the community and then wished Roger Truscott and Dick Foxon all the best as they continue as Councillors. He stated that there were three Councillor vacancies if anyone was wishing to serve the community as a Councillor to get in contact with the clerk.

6. Report from Councillors

Councillor Judith Twigg reported that the Government had awarded the County Council £2.48 m for the specific aim to permanently fix potholes and prevent their re-occurrence.

Phase 1 of the Local Bus and Community Transport consultation was completed and Phase 2 will be to develop proposals based on the user questionnaires prior to further consultation before any decision is made.

In Education, she stated that the Government had approved £12,500 funding to replace all the fire doors at Lady Manners School.

Ofsted had recently rated the services provided by the County Council for Children and Young People as “good” following a month long new quality test. Generally, she reported that Derbyshire County Council will receive between £1.6 and £1.8m towards a new programme to run from 2015-2021 focussed on helping to improve farm productivity and growth in the wider rural economy, create permanent jobs, provide opportunities for higher skilled employment and increased prosperity. The whole of Derbyshire Dales is to be included in this.

From her own Community Leadership Scheme she said she had contributed to a number of schemes which benefit the local community and is in the process of giving a grant to Lady Manners School for equipment for the newly refurbished technology area. She also supported the Parents Association Golf Day which was raising funds to replace the sports pavilion, and has also given a grant to Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport for hi-viz vests for staff and volunteers.

7.Any Other Business

Olga Truscott commented that the mobile network reception wasn't very good in the village. Bob Osborn said that some of this was down to the broadband provider and that some wires have been replaced locally but further work is needed.

Dick Foxon then thanked Bob Osborn for his years of service to the Parish Council both as Clerk, many years ago, then as a Councillor for many years.

Roger Truscott wished Bob Osborn a happy retirement.

Colin Nicol then said that he had enjoyed 9 years on the Parish Council but felt it was time to go and give someone else the opportunity.

Jan Langdon then asked if nominations had been publicised, and was advised they had been. Stephen Miller then expressed his surprise at the lack of interest.

Councillor Osborn thanked everyone for attending

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.