

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Acton Beauchamp Group Parish
Council held at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th. May, 2017
at Stanford Bishop Village Hall

PRESENT: Robert Wall – in the chair Francis Lowden
 Richard Potter Richard Kuehn
 Alec Elliot Katherine Smith
 Jean Morris – Clerk

1. Chairman's Report

Welcome everybody to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting should take around half an hour and will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

This is solely for the Parish Council and there is no public interaction. You are quite welcome to stay if you wish, but I would ask you to please be quiet during the meeting.

During the last twelve months there have been eight planning applications presented to the Council to comment upon. One application presented was for information only and required no comments.

In June, Councillor Smith began looking into the need for a Local Plan, but it was decided that one was not needed, although it could be reviewed every twelve months.

Broadband is still a problem for some residents. In February 2011, Alan Rowland who dealt with broadband at Herefordshire Council wanted 90% availability, with 40 megabytes by 2016. In February 2017 a letter was sent to Councillor David Harlow about the lack of broadband at Sevington, with no response. Western Power are supposedly improving the broadband service, although time will tell whether there is improvement for everybody having problems.

The Parish Council website is now up and running. There were a few teething problems but now they seem to be resolved thanks to Jean.

Thank you Jean for all your help over the last twelve months and all you do. I wish the next Chairman all the best for the forthcoming year.

Thank you,

Robert Wall,

Chairman.

2. Open Discussion on parish matters Fastershire broadband phase 2 has now been signed with Gigaclear, which covers most of Evesbatch, Sintons End, Sevington and Stanford Bishop. It will deliver fibre to premises, all underground. Isabel Aitken will put a piece in the magazine.

Care Tech, Hidelow House have begun work to convert it. The Manageress has broken her back, but is up and about now.

Bob Oliver is making a drive upto his proposed dwelling. It is seven metres away from the proposed site, it was stopped by the Enforcement Officer.

27 objections were made when the foundations were built in the wrong place. The original planning permission ran out on 26th. April, 2017.

The potholes are very bad on the Bishops Frome to Acton Green road, this is an agenda item later.

Francis Lowden was thanked for all the work he has done regarding the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.