

BURGHFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Burghfield Parish Meeting was held in the Burghfield Village Hall on Thursday 11th April 2019, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present: Mr P Lawrence, Mrs T Hipwell, Miss M Cresser, Mrs A Gallagher, Mr B Neilson, Mr C Greaves, Mr D Godding, Dr R Longton, Miss M Cresser
Mr D Godwin, Mr T Ansell, Mr D Kellaway, Mrs C Jackson-Doerge, Mr N Morse, Mrs L Sharp

Apologies: Mr M Patterson-Borland, Mr I MacFarlane

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council, Village Hall manager and **45** Parishioners

Introduction

The Chairman welcomed those present and opened the meeting. Thanks were expressed to the following local groups in attending the meeting to showcase their work within the community. Thanks were also expressed to the Burghfield WI in providing the cake and coffee.

- Burghfield & Mortimer Handybus, Burghfield NDP group, Multiple Sclerosis Service, Together in Mission, Café B, Burghfield School Pastors and the Burghfield & Mortimer Volunteer Bureau

1. Chairman' Report

The Chairman gave a brief summary of the highlights and achievements of the Parish Council during the previous year. (Copies of the chairman's report were available for parishioners at the meeting)

N.B: The report provided factual information only specifically relating to the parish of Burghfield

2. Reports from representatives of the local Community Groups

The following Community Groups in attendance gave a brief overview of their role within the community and the valued assistance received by the parish council. Members of the public were encouraged to contact any of the representatives for further information in relation to any of the groups and organisations present:

Burghfield & Mortimer Handybus

Burghfield NDP group

Multiple Sclerosis Service

Together in Mission

Café B

Burghfield School Pastors

Burghfield & Mortimer Volunteer Bureau

3. District Council Report

Due to time constraints, District Cllrs Mr I Morrin & Mrs C Jackson-Doerge did not provide a report to members present. Both reiterated the importance of community groups and spirit within Burghfield, applauding the work on the individuals who wear many hats to ensure the community of Burghfield remains both active and vibrant.

4. Parishioners Observations

The chairman opened the floor to questions from parishioners. The following issues were raised for further consideration:

- a) A parishioner requested clarification as to when we can expect the NDP document to be completed?
The Chairman of the NDP group providing a response, advising that until the housing allocations had been released from West Berkshire Council they were unable to provide a final document. However, people are to be reassured that work continues in the background in the preparation of the sections within the document that can be draft.

5. Conclusion

The Chairman thanked the parishioners present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 19.35pm.

Chairman: