

STOWEY SUTTON

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2019

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at
7.30pm on Wednesday 15th May 2019

The Link, Bishop Sutton

Website: www.stowesuttonpc.org

Present: Councillors K Betton (Chairman), L Balmforth, H Clewett (Vice Chair), E Daly,
L Kingston, J Knibbs, M Arnold

Also in attendance: J Bryant (Clerk), 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from District Cllr Karen Warrington.

2. Confirmation of:

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2nd May 2018 were approved.

3. Police Report for Chew Valley

The Annual Parish Meeting was attended by our local officer, PC 4503 Jonathan Beswetherick. Detail of local crime figures were provided, including some live investigations.

Road related incidents are quite high in the area and therefore high on the list of priorities for Avon & Somerset Police Authority. PC Beswetherick has plans to run a speed initiative himself in the area as he is able to directly penalise offenders.

There have been a high number of suspicious incidents in the area with people and vehicles acting suspiciously in the area particularly at the primary school and recreation ground. There is evidence that vans with tools on board are being targeted for theft.

Residents are advised to call 999 for active incidents, after the incident or non-emergency incidents should be reported to 101. Intelligence regarding regular offenders (drink drive, vandalism, theft, etc) should be reported to 101 or email clerk@stowesuttonpc.org who will report directly to our local PC.

4. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman of the Parish Council provided a report to the Parish on the activities of the Parish Council and a leaflet summarising this was provided for all attendees. Copies of this leaflet are held in the Community Run Library and will be available on the Parish Council website.

Key items included: Regeneration of the Recreation Ground now almost complete. Grants provided to five community groups totalling 1209.00, and subsidies to enable the Chew Magna Doctors Surgery Bus to run through the village. Community Run Library has established itself providing vital services to many in the community. It is really turning into the Community Hub that was envisaged in the long-term plan.

Much more was discussed, and the Chairman took the opportunity to extend his thanks to everyone who attends Parish Council meetings and works on their behalf in any capacity, particularly Bob Dabinett, Laurence Baker, Robin Harris, Sally Monkhouse, Steve Kingston, Colin Emmett, Rosemary Williams, Angela Cruse, Rebecca Dix, John Stirrup, Annie Eggington, Sarah Harrow-Smith, Sheila Lyons, Anne Collier, Anne Lawton, John Miles and many, many more!!

5. Charities Reports

i. **John Tegg's Educational Foundation**

Cllr Balmforth provided a report on behalf of Tegg Charity. The charity provides grants for children going into further education college or apprenticeships. Four grants made totalling £390.00. The provision of these grants focuses particularly on encouraging applicants for educational publications and tools to

progress with apprenticeships and further education. Aimed at older age groups. Application forms can be obtained from clerk@stoweysuttonpc.org.

ii. Richard Jones Foundation

Cllr Knibbs provided a brief report on behalf of Richard Jones Foundation, a charitable foundation in the Chew Valley which exists to help young people, further education, or help them with the expenses of practical training. Also helps local schools, playgroups, and pre-schools with funding towards specific projects. Trustees have met twice in the previous financial year and several grants have been made to students within Stowey Sutton and those undertaking further education in various parishes.

Grant applications are being reviewed all the time. 10 grants have been awarded throughout the year, 4 of those being within Stowey Sutton. Foundation meets twice yearly and encourages applications at all time. Assistance for trainees, students, apprentices, living with the parishes. This trust is open to applicants under the age of 30 who live within the parish. Applications can be made to local trustees, John Knibbs [01275 332117](tel:01275332117) and Richard Brent [01275 332569](tel:01275332569)

iii. Chew Magna Combined Charities

Cllr Knibbs also provided a report on the Chew Magna Combined Charities. Charity is for the relief of persons resident in the Parishes of Chew Magna and Stowey Sutton who are in conditions of need, hardship, or distress. No activity in the past financial year other than small income. Due to low activities, consideration is being given to amalgamating with Richard Jones Foundation.

6. Charities Finance Reports

Financial reports were received on behalf of the following charities:

- i. John Tegg's Educational Foundation
- ii. Richard Jones Foundation
- iii. Chew Magna Combined Charities

Copies of each report can be obtained from the Clerk and will be published on the Parish Council website.

7. Public Forum

No comments were made.

8. Date for the next Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 6th May 2020

These minutes are in draft form and will not be approved until the next Annual Parish Meeting. Minutes are available on the Parish Council website: www.stoweysuttonpc.org/