

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT BRACKLESHAM BARN ON THURSDAY 17TH MAY 2018 WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs. Keith Martin (Chairman), Chris Charter (Vice Chairman), Robert Carey, John Stant and Sandy Simpson.

In attendance: Mrs Louise Chater (Clerk to Earnley Parish Council), District Cllr. Susan Taylor, two representatives from The Really Brilliant Company and nine registered electors.

The chairman introduced the Parish Council and the representatives of The Really Brilliant Company.

A01.18 Minutes of the last Annual Meeting - 18th May 2017
On a proposal by John Stant, it was RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes; this was duly completed.

A02.18 Matters arising
None.

A03.18 Annual Report from the Parish Council

Richardson's/South Downs Update - the Parish Council has objected to the application for 85 properties on the site; therefore, the application will be considered by Chichester District Council Planning Committee.

Earnley Concourse - The Parish Council has put an offer on Lot 4 which is currently on hold due to the potential purchase of the whole site. The Parish Council has requested early meetings when the sale goes through.

A27 - The Parish Council has been very active in the Build A Better A27 initiative which have been led by West Sussex County Council. West Sussex County Council have appointed a consultant (Systra) to provide possible solutions to issues on the A27, the final analysis is due shortly. The proposals will be presented to Chichester District Council and West Sussex County Council for consideration and will ultimately go to Highways England. The consultants are proposing two options one a northern route which provides strong separation of through/local traffic and a significant increase in capacity for long term growth.

The Southern Route - separation of through/local traffic, maintaining local connectivity and modest capacity increases to support growth in the medium to long term.

Highways - the Parish Council are aiming to reduce the traffic to the speed limits within the parish. The Parish Council now has access to £20,000 which for highways schemes is not a significant amount of money. The Parish Council are currently investigating white lining and village gateways to give the perception of a narrower road.

Volunteers within in Earnley - The Volunteer group came about through the Parish Plan Questionnaire residents felt that they wanted to be more involved in the community. We have approximately 30 volunteers on our database and we have held a number events, including the fetes, litter picks, collection for food bank, bus shelter repair, tree planting on Medmerry and clearing of B2145 Bell Lane. A request for future project ideas and more volunteers was made.

Planning - The Parish Council is a statutory consultee. If the Parish Council objects to an application, it must go before the full planning committee at Chichester District Council. In the last 12 months the Parish Council has reviewed 49 applications within the Parish and five applications in adjoining parishes. Of the 49 eight were tree applications and nine were Part 3 Class Q applications, this legislation allows conversion of storage buildings, barns and agricultural buildings without going through the full planning process. This legislation is having a significant affect on the parish due to the Land Settlement Area. The Parish Council are working with Sidlesham Parish Council to ensure that Chichester District Council are adhering to the rules n respective of these applications.

Verges- West Sussex County Council are responsible for three cuts per year to ensure traffic and pedestrian safety. The Parish Council are considering arranging an additional cut and we will be seeking your views in the next newsletter.

Footpaths - the inspection takes place every 15 months, maintenance work on the structures has taken place. Clearance work has taken place round the millennium stone, we don't know who completed this work, but we are very grateful.

Flooding Prevention Group year 5 report - the group has worked with the Manhood Wildlife & Heritage Group to survey 30 kilometres of water courses in the Parish. The Almodington diversion project has recently been completed to take water away from people's homes and the culvert works has been completed at Hawthorn Nursery. The Parish Council has entered into a Wayleave Agreement with Easton Farm Partnership which has been filled with the Land Registry. So far, the flood group has spent £788,000 on flood prevention work in the Parish. Future plans include the last bit of work at Hawthorn Nursery and building financial reserves to ensure that the work carried out can be maintained in the future. The Flood Prevention group are looking for volunteers to help with surveying and maintaining the ditches in the parish any volunteers will be provided with training.

A04.18

Questions from the Public

A resident expressed concern with regard to the deterioration of grass verges, in particular in Bookers Lane. The Chairman advised that the responsibility is with West Sussex the most efficient way is to report the issue via Love West Sussex, the County Council has just received grant

funding from Central Government which should enable further work to be completed.

Q. A27 the final forum meeting is due to take place please can you tell us is the purpose of the meeting to make a recommendation?

A. The main purpose is for Systra to present the report and listen to the comments, it is hoped that the meeting will make a recommendation to go forward.

A resident stated that the report appears to be advising the northern route, but expressed concern that Highways England have stated that community consensus is required.

Q. What is your best guess at the result?

A. The Chairman responded that the main criteria is a long-term solution and separates the through and local traffic. The consultant states there is only one route that enables this. The southern route is technically challenging, we have seen the chaos that the Stockbridge bridge work has caused. Cllr. Carey stated that Highways England would consider consensus to be achieved when West Sussex County Council, Chichester District Council and our MP all concur; District Cllr Taylor agreed with this statement.

The Quiz prize of a bottle of champagne was presented to the quiz winner who had got 40% of the questions right.

A05.18 A presentation was given by the "The Really Brilliant Company" who produce Brilliant Gin in small batches in Itchenor.

The meeting closed at 20.41

Signed: _____ Chairman Earnley Parish Council

Dated: _____