

ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th MAY 2016

Present : Mike Honour (MH), Richard Munro (RM), Justine Garbutt (JG), Peter Handley, 6 members of public

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Becky Hird (BH), Andy McIntyre (AM) David McFarlane (DM)

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Meeting accepted minutes of last Annual Meeting on 20th May 2015

3. Matters Arising:

None

4. Chairmans Report

MH read his report as appendage

5. Financial report

As appendage

6. County Councillors Report

Apologies for the state of the roads regulations now only filled if they are 1.5" deep.

Finances- OCC had a £1b turnover, since 2010 with cuts/efficiency this has been reduced by 40% redundancies and sale of property have made up some of the difference. Finances have been outsourced to Hampshire and there will be a total rethink on how to fund local councils.

Devolution- OCC to be joined with Cotswold and Glos was thrown out, discussions with Cherwell ongoing. Becoming a unitary council will make some savings. In a unitary council there will be £6-8b funding available enabling councils to work together. This figure has not been confirmed. Some County Councils have decided not to move towards devolution.

Still pushing for a Fire Station in Carterton. If it goes ahead it will be the biggest plot in Oxon as it will joint safety centre with Police and Ambulance. There will be a campaign to recruit- Burford and Bampton FS will stay open, although there is a manning problem at both stations and as=Iso Witney. During working hours there is a problem getting an engine out as there are only 5 full time fire fighters during these hours- evenings and weekends are part time staff.

Childrens Centre in Carterton is very good, looking to get some funding from RAF.

Dragon Patcher will be available- it has a flame thrower on the front so will melt tarmac and get rid of water. Broadwell is the worst off as the road subsided where the drainage was put in.

RM- Bus Services – have been written to three times but no response. OCC will run 16 mini buses to use on the routes that are going to lose their bus service. Some of the coach companies will go to some areas without the subsidy if they are sustainable. Currently waiting to be reviewed; Cabinet Member for Transport has said without subsidy Stagecoach will review their routes at end of June.

The plans for REMA North and Central have been cancelled, postponed until 2022.

Oxfordshire Together- we need someone to talk to us.

New entrance to RAF Brize Norton planned on the bend outside Alvescot.

7. District Councillors Report

None

9. Plan A

process is now coming to a conclusion. Plan nearly ready to publish with an action list for Parish Council to undertake their tasks. This will be reviewed at each meeting.

- 10 Charities report
Report was read and appendaged. It was noted they are still looking to fill the vacancy for a new Trustee.
- 11 AOB
None