

Sibford Gower Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting – 2 Parishes 1 Community

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held on **Thursday 09th May 2019** at 6.00pm in the Sibford Gower Village Hall.

Councillors Present: **Gower** - David Allen, Roger Mallows, Hugh Pidgeon (Chair) **Ferris** – Ginny Bennett, Adrian Lamb (Chair). Special thanks go to Cllr. George Reynolds who was also able to join us for part of the evening.

In attendance: The Clerk, Vanessa Mulley and a superb gathering of members of the community.

This year saw a new and improved look to the Annual Parish Meeting the village has come to know. As a celebration of the whole community the Sibford Gower and Sibford Parish Council came together to host the event which show-cased an amazing selection of small exhibitions of many of the groups which come together within the Gower and Ferris. Although we are two very different and separate villages there is very much a single community feel to so much of what we do together.

The evening took place in the village Hall which is very much the hub of the village and began with the superb talents, both musical and vocal, of students from Sibford School who were able to join us for the evening's celebrations.

At 6.25pm the Chair of the Gower Council addressed the community on behalf of both councils and welcomed all those who were able to join the celebration. Hugh Pidgeon spoke only briefly but ran through the list of groups represented and exhibiting in the hall and identified the councillors present from both the Ferris and the Gower Councils and encouraged the community to raise any questions they might have with any one of them.

We were pleased to also welcome the children from the Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School Choir who sang 2 beautiful songs for us.

Minutes

The minutes of the Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 30th April 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Exhibitors

Those groups who were able to attend the evening and were able to put on a small display for us are listed below and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved.

Film Night

Held at the village hall on the last Wednesday of the month as a great opportunity for many of the village who enjoy the cinema but are unable to make it into the nearest town.

Sibford Players

Meets every Thursday evening at the village hall during term time. They are an interesting group of people from all walks of life who come together to have fun and give the village a good night out.

Sibford Scene

This is a free magazine available to all households within the community and is a fantastic source of information and news.

Sibford Website

A fantastic asset of the village and has a wealth of information as well as keeping the village abreast of what is going on in the village.

Cherwell District Council

Our local District Councillor was available for any questions and is a welcome source of support and information.

Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School

A major part of the village located in the Gower but which teaches many of the village's younger community and many of those from surrounding areas.

Sibford School

Located in the Ferris the private school welcomes many children from around the globe, adding diversity to the village.

Sibford Surgery

A huge asset to village and located in Burdrop, it is a much loved and used resource.

Sibford Society

Meets once a month in the village hall. It holds fascinating talks from visiting speakers adding a huge cultural element to the village.

Sibford Horticultural Society

Meets once a month in the village hall and will also provide many fascinating talks from visiting speakers. With the annual show held in May it encourages all age groups to take part.

Sibford Shop

A huge asset to the community supporting all our grocery needs as well as Post Office facilities.

Wykham Arms

Located in the Gower it supports both communities with a fantastic selection of drinks and menu choices.

Hook Norton Action Group

Working as a collective to prevent the unwelcome proposed development of 25 houses in Sibford Ferris.

Sibford Speeding Group

A grouping of residents from the community working on solutions to stop speeding within the village.

Neighbourhood Watch

Supporting the community on all matters of safety and security

Holy Trinity Church

Located in the Gower it hosts a number of religious services throughout the week and also runs a youth group for some of the younger members of the community.

Friends Meeting House

A small but strong Quaker community meets weekly and supports the Sibford School.

Sibford Farming Club

You have to be a farmer to belong, but at the very heart of our community.

Towns Estate Charity

Formed around 400 years ago to provide a school and aid to those who needed it and is very much historical element of the village continuing to support the school and those who need help.

Footpaths warden

Working with resident and local land owners to ensure all can enjoy and benefit from clear paths and rights of way.

Scouts

The group meets every Friday in the small village hall and caters for 8-to-10-year-olds.

Sibford Friendship Club

A fantastic club for anyone over the age of 50, they meet on the first Tuesday of the month and also organise a monthly trip out.

Sibford Walkers

They meet every two weeks and walk the various beautiful walks the village and surrounding area have to offer.

Karate

A well-supported group with members there on the night to talk about what they get up to!

Yoga

Catering for all ages and abilities this wonderful group is welcoming and can be located in the village hall.

Sibford Village Hall

A huge asset to any village and ours is certain that. Providing a meeting place for many of the village groups as well as private functions.

Shipston Area Flood Action Group

Our guests for the evening, the group are working with local villages to help with the flooding issues which arise throughout the year within Shipston itself.

Sibford Play Area

The village is very lucky to have a play area located within the Ferris which is need of some TLC. The group have come together to raise awareness and support.

Coffee Club

Lunch Club

A fantastic club which meets every Wednesday in the village Hall and provides lunch for the Senior members of the community. They will also organise outings and visiting entertainment.

Art Class

Ran by our very own resident artist the class offers professional tuition and guidance.

Serenity Wellbeing Centre

Located just outside the village the centre offers a range of wonderful treatments and classes to keep you fit and well pampered.

Village Pond Working Group

A relatively new group recently formed to protect the wildlife on the village pond.

All the groups who attended bring a wealth of support, entertainment and enjoyment to the whole village and we are very appreciative of all they do to make the village what it is today. There are groups who were unable to join us for the celebration but are no less appreciated by the village resident.

After a pleasant evening the celebration came to a close at 8.15 pm