

**Minutes of Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting
Held in the hall of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School
On Wednesday, 29th May 2013**

Present

Parish Cllrs Peter Abbott, Mrs Susan Bannister, Oswyn Murray (Chairman), Alan Parkin and Mrs Gilian Soden. Peter Hardman (Clerk).
County & District Cllr George Reynolds.
Twenty one Local Residents.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th May 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Thames Valley Police Matters

Although an invitation had been extended, a member of the Thames Valley Police Team did not attend.

Matters Arising

Certain matters arose with regard to car parking and road conditions and these were referred to later in the Meeting under 'Any Other Business'. Mr Fred Inns regretted that Cherwell District Council had paid little attention to residents' feelings with regard to the extension of the Conservation Area. The chairman referred to the importance of the Conservation Area in respect of the recent Public Inquiry.

Highway & Footpath Matters

Apologies were received from Oxfordshire Highways to the effect that no one was available to attend the Meeting.

A local resident, present at the Meeting, raised considerable concern about the danger to drivers coming from Bonds End Lane into Main Street created by cars parked in the road at that junction and thus obscuring drivers' views. After some discussion, the Chairman said that contact would be made with Oxfordshire Highways and Thames Valley Police with a view to arranging a site meeting with residents who are concerned.

Other comments were made about problems caused by on-road parking in certain places.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman spoke on the following subjects:-

Planning matters: the chairman reported on two recent Public Inquiries about Bishop's End, and the representations of the Parish Council at these. A straw vote was taken on the willingness of the village to support a buyout of the former public house should it come on the market: the meeting was unanimously in favour, and the chairman was invited to contact Sibford Ferris Parish Council with a view to joint action.

The Village Pond

Allotments

Sibford Churchyard

Response to Cherwell Strategy Plan

Co-ordination between local Parish Councils

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