

**Minutes of Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting  
held in Sibford Village Hall  
on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Present**

Parish Councillors Peter Abbott, Roger Alder, Oswyn Murray (Chairman), Alan Parkin and Gilian Soden. Peter Hardman (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer). County & District Cllr George Reynolds (who joined the Meeting at a later stage having attended another meeting elsewhere), Police Constable Rebecca McLeod (Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Specialist Officer), Louise Wilson (Oxfordshire County Council Highways & Transport). Twenty local residents including Jean White (The Town Estates Charity), Mollie Mulley (Neighbourhood Watch), Muriel Chandler (Sibford Village Hall Committee) and Sue Mattinson (The Sibfords Community Plan).

**Minutes**

Proposed by Mr Ian Warden and seconded by Mrs Eileen Haynes, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Thames Valley Police Matters**

Police Constable Rebecca McLeod attended the Meeting and provided information regarding the team, of which she is a member, responsible for the welfare of the area of which the Parish forms part. The matter of speeding through roads in the Gower and Burdrop was raised and PC McLeod outlined the way forward in holding speed checks might be considered. It was thought that this subject would perhaps be suitable for the Traffic, Roads and Footpath/Bridleway Network Group – part of the Sibfords Community Plan. The Clerk will liaise with Mrs Sue Mattinson in this regard.

The Chairman thanked PC McLeod for attending the Meeting and the information that she had provided.

**Highway & Footpath Matters**

Mrs Louise Wilson, Senior Technician, Oxford County Council Highways and Transport set out the current make-up of the Highways Team of which she is part. She provided a chart showing how the team is made up and setting out their particular responsibilities. Not unexpectedly, she referred to the continuing financial constraints on the team but every endeavour is made to deal with complaints and matters raised by the public. She said that residents are always invited to direct complaints and matters to the Highways Team and contact details will be set out in the forthcoming issue of The Sibford Scene.

The Chairman invited questions and comments from the Meeting and Mr Fred Inns raised the matter of potholes in the roads which appear not to have attention. Mrs Wilson assured the Meeting that every complaint received in this regard has attention but very much, because of the financial constraints, on a priority basis. She went on to say that every road is inspected each year checking where remedial work is required.

The Chairman expressed the Meeting's thanks to Mrs Wilson for her contribution and also said the Parish Council was grateful for the 'Keep Clear' signs on the road adjacent to the Village Pond and also for the kerbing of the pond.

**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman thanked everyone present for attending the Meeting. He referred to the change of Parish Councillors since the last Meeting with Gilian Soden, Roger Alder and Alan Parkin taking the places of Muriel Chandler, Martin Layer and Robin Spicer and he very much appreciated the contributions that had been and are made in the work of the Parish Council. He was very much of the opinion that change from time to time is of benefit. He also thanked the Clerk for carrying out his duties.

The Chairman's Report in full is given at Appendix 'A'

