

# Sibford Ferris

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on **Monday 20th May 2024** from **6:45pm to 7pm** in **Sibford School**.

Present: Cllr Roussel (Parish Council Chairman), 7 members of the public, Parish Clerk.

1. Welcome and apologies – Cllr Roussel welcomed those present.
2. Report from Parish Council Chairman - May is the time of year when flowers bloom, birds sing and Sibford Ferris Parish Council update you on all the things we have done on your behalf over the past year.

One year ago we celebrated the coronation of King Charles with a street party which was funded in part by the Council and organised by it with a wonderful team of local volunteers. It was a great success and a sunny day that we will all remember for a long time.

The Elm crossroads became a local black spot with accidents occurring regularly. Greatly concerned by this we chased OCC to supply 4 new larger signs which are now installed and road lines repainted. We continue to get litter and fly tipping removed from the area too.

We have communicated with CDC and our local District Councillor and politicians regarding planning matters and have done our best to voice the concerns of the community over speculative development. We are saddened that once again the decision of one inspector can over turn the strong and well founded objections from Cherwell District Council, SFPC and the whole community.

We have continued to press for the re-categorisation of our village in order to try to prevent further expansion of the village boundaries with more development with even more traffic.

Over the summer we plan to get a new play park installed in Cotswold close and have been working to get quotes that fit with our budget. We also secured £12,000 in funding for this.

I have met with the new headmistress of Sibford school, Rebecca Evans, who has expressed her desire to maintain good relations between the village and the school.

Defibrillator training continues free of charge and co ordinated by one of our Council members.

We carefully manage the Council finances and assets and actively work to protect the conservation area. Also in a bid to slow the traffic we have applied for 20 mph signs.

These are just a-few of the many areas that our small Parish Council cover and I would like to express my gratitude to Councillors Andrew Meyler, John Wass, Ginny Bennett and Michael Gordon for all their voluntary work on the Sibford Ferris Parish Council and to our clerk Kirsty and the community for supporting us.

3. Any other issues parishioners wish to discuss – A parishioner asked if the new District Cllr will be attending these meetings in future and how the Parish Council (PC) will make him aware of the meetings. The District and County Councillors are copied in when agendas are sent out so in future

he will receive agendas and the PC hope he will be able to attend some of our meetings. The parishioners present and councillors agreed that Cllr George Reynolds has been an exceptionally attentive, very supportive, and very effective District Councillor and they are very sad to see him leave as our District Councillor although pleased that he will be remaining as our County Councillor for the time being.

Meeting closed @ 7pm