

Sibford Gower

Annual Parish Meeting

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May @ 6:30pm in Sibford Village Hall

Present - Cllr J Noquet (Parish Council Chairman), 6 members of the public. Parish Clerk.

1. Welcome, apologies and introduction – The Chairman welcomed those present.
2. Report from Parish Council (PC) Chairman – The Chairman gave parishioners the opportunity to use the 30 minutes allocated for this meeting to discuss any items they feel are important to them rather than receiving the report. This was agreed. The discussions are minuted under item 3.
3. Public forum – parishioners are welcome to raise any issues they wish to discuss subject to remaining time available – A parishioner advised that they are concerned about the speeds on The Colony. Cllr J Noquet advised that the PC has received a pre consultation from Oxfordshire County Council relating to the reduction of the speed limit on all roads currently at 30mph to 20mph. Once the PC has responded confirming that the maps provided show the areas the PC expected to be included OCC will move this forward to the public consultation stage. The Clerk will respond to OCC tomorrow.

Cllr J Noquet advised that there is an area of vegetation opposite the Drs surgery that she contacted Highways about. Highways have come out and agreed that the vegetation is completely covering the footpath so they will arrange for Highways to clear the areas that they are responsible for and will contact the neighbouring property owner to ask them to clear the areas that they are responsible for.

A parishioner raised a concern about similar overgrowth on the T-junction near Hawkes Lane. They were advised to report this on Fixmystreet. The parishioner stated that all reports they have done on Fixmystreet have been ignored so Cllr J Noquet asked the parishioner to e-mail her with the details of the issue and she will try to follow this up with Highways.

A parishioner asked if the verge around the dog bin at the junction of Bonds End Lane is part of the grass cutting contract managed by SGPC as they don't believe it is being cut with the other verges and it needs strimming. The Clerk advised that verges are the responsibility of OCC but the PC do pay for a private contractor to complete some additional cuts do the number of cuts being provided by OCC (we believe it is 3 per year) being inadequate. The Clerk will check the grass cutting contract maps to check if it is included within our contract and chase the contractor/OCC to get it cut.

Meeting closed @ 7:09pm.