

Sibford Ferris

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on **Tuesday 20th May 2025** from **7pm to 7:15pm** in **Sibford School**.

Present: Cllr Ginny Bennett (Chairman), 5 members of the public, Parish Clerk.

1. Welcome and apologies – None.

2. Report from Parish Council Chairman - We have had quite an exciting year with the installation of our new play area in Cotswold Close. The equipment is proving very popular and will provide an exciting and challenging environment for children. We had an official opening in April but as there were a lot of other events on that day, we had a small but enthusiastic group to watch me cut the ribbon.

The village also saw the erection of a bus shelter with bench, using the s106 money set aside for it. Sadly, that has been damaged during a near collision between the bus from Banbury and a car coming out of the school driveway, as we understand. We will look at getting it repaired as soon as possible.

We now have a 20mph speed limit in place and whilst not universally popular, if it helps to slow the traffic, coming down the hill particularly, then it is worth it.

The new signage at the Elm crossroads does seem to be effective.

We are continuing to communicate with CDC and our local District and County Councillor, regarding planning matters and information.

The new development on the Hook Norton Road is nearly complete and residents have been moving in.

We welcome them and hope that they will join in with village life at the earliest opportunity.

We continue to manage the council finances and assets and endeavours to keep the village looking nice. Also monitoring the bottle bank and getting rubbish removed.

Our Council has changed a little since the Parish meeting in May 2024. Katherine Roussel left us in November to spend some time abroad, and we welcomed Edward Rossiter from Sibford School.

John Wass has now stepped down and we thank him for his contributions to the Council especially with coordinating the CPR and Defibrillator training sessions.

We look forward to working with Chris Brant as our new District and County Councillor. He has frequently been to meet people in the village, and we hope he will be able to attend our Parish Council meetings.

I would like to thank Councillors Andrew Meyler and Michael Gordon and our clerk Kirsty Buttle for their hard work and look forward to an exciting year.

3. Any other issues parishioners wish to discuss – Discussions were held about the road resurfacing on the road through Sibford Ferris that has taken place over the last week.