



REDLYNCH PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Redlynch Annual Parish Council meeting on 21st May 2024 Woodfalls Methodist Church Hall at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Chair Ian Harvey, Cllrs Peacock, Baker-Beall and Stride.

IN ATTENDANCE: 8 members of the public, Unitary Cllr Zoe Clewer (Wiltshire Council and NFNPA) and Mrs Clarissa Cranmer (Parish Clerk).

Presentation by Southern Water's Clean Rivers and Seas Task Force

During heavy rains, the local sewer networks can struggle to cope with the amount of water entering the pipes and storage tanks. When they fill up, they are released, known as storm overflows into the rivers and the sea.

The task force are looking at completing work in the local area of Lover, to help reduce this occurring. They believe in this area there is groundwater infiltration, and they want to work with local households and the Lover pre school to reduce it. There are various ways they can tackle this, and they will work alongside the community to reduce the rainwater infiltrating into the sewerage network. This will involve a connectivity survey in the area, potential relining of the sewerage pipes in Vicarage Road, potential to refurbish existing reedbed on their site.

Presentation by Unitary Zoe Clewer (Wiltshire Council and NFNPA)

Wiltshire Council are in a strong financial position due to sound financial management despite inflationary pressures. There are a large number of costs associated with adult social care/ SEND/ the vulnerable and transport services.

We're tackling Fly tipping. Covert and overt cameras and prosecutions on the up as regards litter and flytipping and planning enforcement too. We are delivering against our manifesto commitments.

We measure up very well when scrutinised Peer Challenge, LGA very good feedback. Outstanding rating in Children's services.

Highways are a priority for all of us, receiving an extra £5m in the current year and another £5m for next financial year on top of extra government funding and HS2 funds. This will help us deal with potholes and bring more and more roads into a state where the prevention work will extend their life and costs less in the long run.

This is all on top of the original investment of £1m over 3 years into tackling fly-tipping, white lining and pothole repairs.

There's extra money for drains and gulleys and we've cleared over 40,000 of our 80,000 drains with extra machines and operators in order to stay on top of the silt. And even better PCs have access to a new discretionary gulley clearing service.

And we are beginning to see the benefits of that locally:

1. I've inspected the gulleys in ATR and Orchard Road and all inside The Close and
2. Street light took 14 months to fix but we got there.
3. I visited all of the Wiltshire Council owned roads in Division and made notes on the condition of them and reported back to WC in order to influence the long term maintenance schedule.
4. This work also generated lots of MyWilts reports from me.
5. PSPOs have reduced catapult incidents to almost zero. Spate at Castle Woods and Chalk Close x1 suspected. Stickered.
6. Working to renew the Playground in The Close, improve the roads and start some more holistic work in Woodfalls.
7. Mobile signal issues, working with a resident to help resolve

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I do my best to serve my residents and I hope through hard work and determination to earn the privilege of standing before you again this time next year, ready to serve for another four years.

I am here if you need me, please get in touch – email or phone / QR codes

It remains for me to thank residents, volunteers, Parish Councillors, Chair and Clerk who work so hard for this community. More volunteers are always welcome so that we can achieve the most possible for the community by coming together and pooling out talent. Thank you all.

Presentation by Ian Harvey, Chairman of Redlynch Parish Council

Redlynch Parish Council has a list of priorities;
to meet all statutory (legal and financial) requirements.
to maintain existing assets, support a wide range of community needs
to work closely with other local government bodies to meet community needs.

Assets that are owned and maintained by Redlynch Parish Council;
Grove Lane Cemetery
Quaverly and Bowers Hill War memorials
Allotments
Play equipment in Lover and Redlynch
Bus Shelters at Hathill and opposite the Woodfalls shop
Telephone boxes at Lover and Woodfalls
Loosehanger site
Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Primary school car park
Wells and springs
Defibrillators

What have we achieved this year;
We have completed a successful internal audit
We purchased a smart phone to make the clerk more accessible
We gave feedback on 22 planning applications
We met all health and safety requirement of providing play equipment and added new equipment at Lover
We completed the Great British spring clean
Provided coronation mugs to the children at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Primary school
Repainted and maintained both telephone boxes
A new fence at the back of the methodist church on our owned land
Provided and organised the Christmas tree and lights
Weve worked with the youths who use Loosehanger as a bike track and have increased our insurance

We have assisted Wiltshire Council to –
Replace a speed sign on Muddyford Lane
Applied for a right of way application from B3080 to Coundley Court
Primrose Lane width restriction signs
Grove Lane traffic calming works
The works on the ridge
Looked at asset grants to transfer the asset of The close play area

We have agreed to hold an open session at Lover Repair café on the last Friday of each month starting 31st May 2024, between 10.30am to 11.30am.

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Public opportunity to have a say on anything they consider important to the people of the parish.

The first comment was to address the agenda of the annual parish meeting, that the speaker found the presentation boring and a PR stunt and irrelevant.

A further comment was made with regards to the perception of the Parish Council that there is a lack of councillors due to not having a presence in the community.

An ex councillor said that he felt unsupported in his endeavours with reducing speed along the ridge and his previous role within the council.

A discussion followed how we can move forward from the past and work together to create a stronger Parish Council and a stronger community.

A parishioner with experience, has volunteered to assist the council with growing its engagement with the community and coming up with a plan to move forward.

As well as the discussion there were several conversations held with ideas and requests

- 1) A Parishioner requested if the parish council church could get involved with the conservation of a wooden "bedstead" grave marker from 1856. That this should be preserved as its in the back of a lean to shed currently at St Marys church.
- 2) A Parishioner asked if he could be reimbursed for petrol costs for cutting the grass around the allotments and if it would be possible to get compost bins for the allotments to support the slow worms that are prevalent in the allotment area.
- 3) The same parishioner asked if the Southern water representatives could look at the water pooling around the drains in the area of Chalks Close.
- 4) A parishioner requested that the gullies team look and clear the gullies along the ridge as they have not been done and need attention.
- 5) It was requested that the parish council meeting is held in Woodfalls as well as at Redlynch Village hall making it more accessible.
- 6) It was suggested that a task group was set up to look at ways we can increase public engagement, public relations and communication leading to willing volunteers within the community.

Further comments were made from other parishioners that they had enjoyed and found the presentation interesting and relevant to the village considering the works that Southern water want to complete in Lover.

That we all need to be kind to each other as we are all wanting the same thing to make the community a better place, even if that looks differently to individuals as we all have different priorities and needs.

Thanks were given to the council as it seems that sometimes it is a thankless task. The parish council meeting finished on a positive note with all present wanting to look to the future.

The Parish council will review all of the suggestions received.

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