

Minutes of Aymestrey Parish Annual Meeting

Aymestrey Parish Hall 7.30pm, Tuesday 14 May 2019

Present: Parish Councillors Ian Banks, Ian Goddard, Helen Hamilton, Ken Holland, Eleanor Waldron and 6 members of the public. Speakers: PCSO Steph Harper & Cllr Barry Gandy

1. An introduction and welcome was given by Cllr Helen Hamilton who chaired the meeting.
2. A presentation was given by PCSO Steph Harper on cyber safety training, covering telephone, computer and door to door scams.
 - Door to door salesman must have ID cards, do not feel embarrassed asking to see it. If you are unsure, tell them to go away, and/or ring 101.
 - Scams are most likely to take place online or on the phone.
 - Unwanted telephone calls – just say ‘I am not interested’ and put the phone down.
 - Phone scams – e.g. automated message saying your broadband is about to be cut off, & tells you to ‘press 1’ – if you do this you will be charged.
 - HMRC does not send emails they always send you a letter.
 - BT will not send an automated message.
 - Emails telling you to click on a link are likely to be scams. Do NOT click! Just delete. Hover mouse over the link to see where you are being sent.
 - Scammers can send emails on your behalf, e.g. saying you are abroad in urgent need of money. Delete these emails.
 - If an offer sounds too good to be true it probably is.
 - Only use trusted websites.
 - Use credit card rather than debit card when shopping online.
 - Report dubious emails/phone calls to Action Fraud. www.actionfraud.police.uk
Telephone 0300 123 2040
 - Ensure phones, tablets and computers are all password protected. Lock smart phones with passcode and thumb print. There is an emergency button at the bottom of the phone – you can dial 999 without unlocking it.
 - Numbers can be blocked on mobile phones.
 - Do online banking only on secure WIFI or at work/private network. Public WIFI is not secure.
 - Product called [Call Guardian](#) - no cold callers or unknown numbers get put through.
 - See West Mercia [website](#) for local information and the whole team’s contact details.
3. An introduction to the Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS) – from Parish Councillor Eleanor Waldron & visiting Councillor Barry Gandy. Noted: Article in Aymestrey Matters asking for volunteers. 2 have come forward so far.

Cllr Barry Gandy gave talk about Orleton experience.

- Orleton has a good number of volunteers, and funding from Church, Chapel, Parish Council & Medical Practice. Medical Practice no longer contributes as too many schemes being set up, however it is able to tell patients about the service.
- Idea is to support those without a support network, or if their support network is ill or on holiday. Increasingly important as the population ages.
- Help delay the moment when residents need social care.
- Does not compete with gardeners etc., does not put local tradesman out of work.
- Coffee mornings & quiz nights held to raise funds.
- Scheme not expensive. Leaflet cost £240, partly due to paying copyright fees for photographs.

- Pay As You Go mobile phone, £10, passed from volunteer to volunteer.
- Difficulty in making residents aware of help offered.
- Can be asked for a wide variety of things – lifts to coffee mornings, dentist, hospital, collecting prescriptions, getting items from loft.
- Volunteers checked – Diocese of Hereford will do this free of charge.
- Help volunteers fill in the forms.
- A worthwhile scheme. Not a great load on volunteers.
- Set up GNS email address to comply with GDPR.
- Email volunteers to ask who can offer service. First one to offer takes the job.
- If within Parish, volunteers get no expenses. If to Hereford, expenses paid by the Scheme – not the user of the scheme. Users are given envelope in which they may make a donation if they wish. This goes to the GNS treasurer. Car parking fees are paid too.
- Larger population in Orleton than Aymestrey. Aymestrey very spread out. Could run with 3 volunteers provided not all on holiday at the same time.
- Orleton volunteers do not have identity badges, but User is advised who will provide service, and what time they are expected.
- Rural people are more self-reliant – less likely to seek or admit to needing help.
- Not just for the elderly.

Anyone interested? Speak to Eleanor Waldron – spread the word! Suggestions: Put another article in Aymestrey Matters, provide leaflets to advertise service with information for both users and volunteers. Set up answerphone message on mobile.

4. The future of the Aymestrey Phone Box.
 - Plan to move to Parish Hall car park.
 - Hall Committee not yet agreed to this, awaiting decision on use of box.
 - Suggested uses – book exchange and permanent information for visitors. Other suggestions welcome.
 - Riverside Inn has offered to maintain box.
 - Siting important for maintenance reasons.
 - Parish Council to contact Parish Hall Committee and make formal proposal.
5. Update on Aymestrey Parish Neighbourhood Plan and the upcoming Referendum on 30 May 2019 – from Parish Councillor Ken Holland.
 - Flyers will be delivered.
 - Plan is online, and printed copies will be available.
 - Get people out to vote! Question is Yes or No.
6. Update on the Aymestrey Parish Plan – from Parish Councillor Ken Holland.
 - 5 years are up and the plan needs to be reviewed.
 - See report attached to these Minutes.
7. Matters raised by members of the public at the meeting:
 - Pavement / path between Bath Cottage and Yatton Court is still needed. Needs surface suitable for push chairs.
 - Step on way out of Parish Hall – could have white line for safety purposes.

The meeting closed at 22:09

Helen Hamilton

Cllr Helen Hamilton
Vice Chairman

(Original copy signed and on file)

Date 26 June 2019

2019 Parish Plan Update –

Communication 11 actions 5 completed 1 aborted 5 o/s 2 highs 2 mediums and 1 low

No action were achieved in this section over the last 12 months but there are some easy wins that can be done –

Welcome Packs for new Households: Better signage for the parish hall: Boosting of registered users of the web site

Highways 9 action 1 completed 8 o/s 4 high & 4 medium

This year with the Village Gates we have achieved 2 actions. An easy win this year could be –

Permanent solar powered flash up speed warning devices; this has already been discussed at pc meetings.

Review the rest of the actions in this section when considering further traffic calming measures.

Access & Transport 8 actions 3.5 achieved 2 aborted 2 remaining

The 2 remaining relate to footpaths –

From Mortimers X to Aymestrey & Encouraging new footpaths

There has been no change on this over the last 12 months.

Tourism 7 actions 2 completed 5 o/s

We are continuing to promote the replacement of climb over stiles with gated ones

The walking book will be published this year both pubs have ordered 10 copies each and there is a waiting list of parishioners for copies just awaiting the final map to be completed.

Another action which could be achieved is a notice board detailing local wildlife and walks.

Housing 4 actions all o/s

These will all be achieved if the NDP is adopted at the referendum at the end of this month.

Environment 11 actions nothing has been achieved in this section.

We are still keeping dialogue channels open with the Forestry Commission and the local Quarry.

Crime 3 actions 2 completed; the 3rd one is a neighbourhood watch scheme

Community Facilities –

Churches 9 actions 2 achieved 1 aborted

There is a plan to repaint the church interior this year which was an action point. This has been carried over from last year.

Parish Hall 15 actions 8 completed all the high priority have been completed

There are plans for a new front porch this year and a parish hall sign to go up which will complete 2 more actions. The others outstanding include a mobile bank and a playing field

Other 3 actions 2 about the phone boxes & a possible village shop.

With the adoption of 2 of the 4 parish phone boxes last year things are moving on at least one action.

In summary:

There were 80 actions; 23.5 have been completed so far and looking ahead for this year we think we could complete the housing 4, traffic calming 3, parish hall 2, tourism 1, church 1 and phone boxes 2 so we could by the end of this year have completed 37 actions – if we add to this those actions which have been tried but aborted we are at 42 so half way.

This year we need to review and update the Parish Plan as it is now time for its 5 years annual update.