

# Minutes of the Bearley Parish Annual Parish Assembly held in Bearley Village Hall Monday 16 April 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: Parish Councillors – Cllr Erinmez, Cllr R LePage, Cllr A Spiller

Apologies: None

Parish Clerk: Nicola Everall

Public: 11 present for all or part of the meeting

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave some general information about annual parish assemblies.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 April 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Parish Council Website

Mr Ian Broadbridge of MI Business Services, who is the Web Master for the new Website, gave a presentation of the website and encouraged all parishioners and organisations to submit any news items to the Clerk for inclusion. The website is now live.

5. Chairman's Report

Firstly thank you to all for attending the Annual Parish Assembly.

Tonight's meeting is not an official Council Meeting. The only official business in this meeting is the approval of the minutes of the 24 April 2017 Parish Assembly.

Under the Local Government Act 1972 it is a mandatory for Parish Councils organise an Annual Parish Assembly to update the residents on the activities of the Council and allow everyone who on the electoral register to speak on matters of concern.

As is usual on these occasions, Village Organisations have been invited to send a representative to provide an account of their activities during the preceding year.

The law and common courtesy requires all comments to be made through the Chair.

The first presentation will be made by me as the Chair of the Parish Council. Next reports from County Councillor Anne Parry and District Councillor Simon Lawton will follow. Presentations from the Village Organisations will follow and refreshments will be provided courtesy of WI at the end of proceedings.

Thank you to all the Parishioners of Bearley who have volunteered and given the Parish Council support through the past year by editing, printing and distributing the Bearley Beacon and Parish notices. Their success being often measured by questions arising when they are not received at their usual time.

## **Parish Council**

The full complement of Parish Councillors for Bearley is seven councillors. I was elected on 7 May 2015. Cllr Andrew Spiller was co-opted on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Cllr Richard Le Page co-opted on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 with Cllr Keith Newton co-opted on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018. Nicola Everall was appointed as Parish Clerk effective from 1 December 2016.

Thus, currently there are only four serving councillors which is one above the minimum requirement for a quorum where decisions could be made. Whilst this offers some flexibility there may be times when the Parish Business is prejudiced.

Subject to fulfilling the requirements, residents on the electoral register can be co-opted to the remaining four vacancies. Applications submitted to the Parish Clerk are most welcome.

I would again like to take the opportunity of thanking fellow Councillors who have served in the past year. The efforts of the Parish Clerk Nicola Everall quickly getting into grips with her duties is also greatly appreciated.

### **Bearley Parish Website**

I have invited our Webmaster Ian Broadbridge to give a short presentation on the redesigned bearley.org website. I invite all village organisations to make best use of the website.

### **Precept, Accounts and Reserves**

Parish Council has maintained the Precept at the same level for 2018/9. This means the precept has not changed for the last five years. Our main expense continues to be the annual donation to Village Hall to cover essential maintenance and maintenance of green spaces. This is expected to continue for at least four more years dependent upon fund raising efforts of Village Hall Trust as well as the emerging maintenance requirements of the Village Hall which is now 18 years old with the adjacent Sports and Social Club which is 35 years old. Both buildings have not had preventive maintenance since built. Our reserves are now at a steady level thanks to prudent financial management. Reserves are in line with recommended national practices include provision for emergencies, street light replacement, additional green and play area maintenance, planning issues, neighbourhood plan, replacement IT equipment and cover for perceived risks.

A printed copy of the end of year accounts to 31 March 2018 has been made available for perusal during the meeting.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Work on Neighbourhood Plan started July 2014. However, work was halted April 2015 to September 2017 due to SDC Core Strategy examination and delays in Site Allocation Process for Stratford-on-Avon Local Plan. Work restarted September 2017 and a Consultant engaged to help Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) in October 2017. The Parish Council with the help of NPSG has sent comments to the SDC Consultation on the Site Allocation Process in March 2018. The NPSG meeting is scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 to discuss and adopt a project timetable for the plan. It is estimated that plan will be "made" i.e., it will reach legal status in December 2019.

### **Village Hall**

The Parish Council is the Custodian Trustee of the Village Hall Trust, which manages the lease and maintenance of the Village Hall, the Sports Fields and the Sports and Social Club.

The Trust is a registered charity and Trust members are volunteers from Village Organisations.

The Trust submitted a revised Business Plan to the Parish Council on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The Business Plan comprehensively reviewed the maintenance and development needs as well as funding requirements. It established a priority list for overdue maintenance, which would ensure continued safe use of the facilities.

Audited accounts for 2016/7 were submitted on 25 August 2017 as well as the budget for 2017/8 agreed by Trustees. Based upon these documents the Parish Council made an annual donation of £6,000.00 which has cleared the Village Hall bank loan. The Parish Council also made an interest-free loan of £2,000.00 to the Trust in to facilitate essential repairs and refurbishment to be carried out in 2017.

Mindful of the repairs required to the Sports and Social Club roof (the main income earner for the Village Hall Trust) and other essential maintenance the Parish Council pledged continued support of £6,000.00 per annum for the next four years and advancing the support payments for the next two years to facilitate the required works. The funds will be restricted to specific repairs.

I am sure the Trust representative will further elaborate on the Trust activities later in the assembly.

### **Traffic Management**

The 30 mph limit road markings and traffic signs were installed during June/July 2016.

Parking problems on Grange Road continue to persist making emergency vehicle access almost impossible at times. Parish Council requests residents to take care to enable emergency vehicle access at all times.

Warwickshire County Councillor Anne Parry has allocated £20k funds from her budget for a pedestrian refuge on A3400. Friends of Bearley Village have donated £1,000.00 and raised a further £216.38 towards the cost of the refuge demonstrating the community ownership of the project. Design has been finalised awaiting specification of lighting requirements. Installation is expected to be completed in summer 2018.

### **Play Areas**

The Parish Council is responsible for development and maintenance of Bearley Park and Upper Play Area. Friends of Bearley Park volunteers continued to ensure maintenance and regular safety inspections. Parish Council greatly appreciates the work carried out by the volunteers who also hold fundraising activities which added several items for younger children and ensure the cleanliness of the park.

The Parish Council is open to suggestions on improvements in Bearley Park and regarding the use of Upper Play Area.

### **Flooding**

The Parish Council continued to request an action plan from Warwickshire County Council to alleviate the flooding issues. In addition, the Parish Council reported the silting up of the ditch running alongside Snitterfield Road which contributes to the flooding of the road during heavy rain.

A site meeting was held with WCC Flood Prevention officers October 2017. This was followed by investigations and jetting of blocked drains during October 2017. During investigations several obstructions/blockages identified:

Under and around railway bridge;  
Outside Countrywide stores;  
Ditch between Snitterfield Road and Faccenda field;  
Culvert North-West corner of sports field;

The Parish Council applied for and was awarded a flood alleviation grant for the railway bridge area and WCC will commence and oversee the work as soon as the ground recovers from recent heavy rains. Further efforts will continue to address identified works.

### **Stratford-on-Avon Gliding Club (SoAGC) and Touring Motor Gliders (TMGs)**

On 4 February 2015 the SDC Planning Committee decided to grant temporary planning permission to Stratford-on-Avon Gliding Club (SoAGC) for 3 years from the decision date of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015 for 300 TMG take-offs per year with conditions. This decision was taken with incomplete noise measurements and no conditions were set for monitoring compliance.

In October 2015 SoAGC launched an appeal against the appeal was withdrawn in April 2016.

From August 2015 the Parish Council sent many letters and e-mails requesting meeting with SoAGC to discuss compliance with planning conditions and address complaints received. Eventually in February 2017 SoAGC was persuaded by BPC to run an Open Day 1 June 2017 and trial different winch cables to reduce noise impact and consider issuing a compliance report. Since then despite repeated requests no compliance or progress report was received.

The temporary planning permission expires on 30 July 2018. The SDC Enforcement Officer is in agreement with the Parish Council that the impact of the entire operations of the SoAGC on the community including winch launched gliders will have to be assessed in the new planning application.

### **Burial Ground**

Under Local Government Act 1972 and Open Spaces Act 1906 local councils have the power to acquire and maintain burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria as well as contribute towards cemetery expenses. However, there is no statutory duty or obligation to provide.

There are 32 spaces available in the Parish Council burial ground with 15 already reserved. Calculations indicate that current provision is likely to be exhausted by 2027-2030. Parish Council can change the "right of burial" conditions and make it exclusive to Bearley residents only which will extend this period. The matter will be kept under review.

### **Litter and Dog Fouling**

Despite provision of litter and dog waste bins the village is full of litter and some dog owners persist in not cleaning up. Bearley Park has banned use of Bearley Park by dog owners. Thank you for dog owners who pick up and dispose responsibly and shame on the anti-social folk who do not.

"Rubbish Friends" a voluntary group dedicated to the eradication of littering on our roads and paths have already done a pick at Bearley on 16 September 2017. The group have carried out a pick around the sports field on 16 September 2017. The group is keen to support the setting up of satellite groups in the villages and Snitterfield has already established a local group. On 5 April 2018 eight volunteers have registered to form a local group in Bearley. Those who wish to volunteer call Becky Reynolds on 07853 995580 or join the Facebook group: Rubbish Friends (Stratford upon Avon) <https://m.facebook.com/groups/387505901630575>

### **Vandalism and Policing**

Currently Bearley is experiencing a low level of vandalism and petty crime. Policing priorities can be managed through Arden Forum. Any matters that may require to be given priority can be brought to the attention of the Parish Clerk for inclusion in the Arden Forum Agenda. However, on-line voting by the residents is necessary for the priority to be adopted by the Police. Otherwise please continue to report any incidents to the Alcester Safer Neighbourhood Team.

### **Bearley Beacon**

It is good to finish on a high note. Bearley Beacon has been a success and essential to retaining the community spirit of the village. Elizabeth Gorsuch has made an excellent job of editing after Derek Bull who was a hard act to follow. Because there are volunteers who care a lot about maintaining the spirit of the village. They prepare copy, edit print and distribute the Beacon in a selfless manner. Parish Council's sincere thanks go to:  
Simon and Andy Ward who prepare, edit print and deliver for distribution;  
All the 15 volunteers who deliver it to the letterboxes in all weathers.  
There is an urgent need for more volunteers in order to replace deliverers who will be relocating in the near future.

### **Community Engagement**

There is URGENT need for Bearley residents to participate and commit time to activities which underpin governance and character of the village. The Parish Council hears a lot of talk about what needs to be done on a "someone ought to do it basis" and very little action towards volunteering and dedicating some time towards preserving the community spirit and the character of the village.

It is always the same oldies who participate in activities of village institutions and new members are not forthcoming to ensure succession. There is no shortage of volunteering contributions including vacancies at:

The Parish Council;

Bearley Village Hall Trust;

Friends of Bearley Village;

Friends of Bearley Park; and

The village institutions.

Bearley Gardeners terminating their activities next month due to no one being prepared to be chairman or secretary.

### **Flooding – Cllr Richard Le Page**

A site meeting with the Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Flood Prevention team was held in October 2017. Immediately prior to this, investigations and limited clearance was carried out on behalf of WCC particularly around the railway bridge on the A3400 where flooding is a regular occurrence. Following the site visit, Bearley Parish Council submitted a grant application to cover ditch and culvert clearance to the area around the railway bridge. The grant has now been awarded and work should start in the next few months.

Other areas upstream of the railway bridge which require attention are:

\* Outside Countrywide near the horse chestnut trees – 100% blockage to culvert.

\* Ditch running alongside Snitterfield Road adjacent to Faccenda field & sportsfield. Partially dug out, but needs extending. WCC to contact Faccenda.

\* Culvert NW corner of sportsfield. WCC have promised to clear this when the ground dries, although it is the responsibility of the farmer to do this.

#### 6. Annual Accounts for year ending 31 March 2018

Unaudited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 were circulated for information, a copy of which is also appended to these Minutes.

#### 7. Report from County Councillor – Councillor Mrs Anne Parry

##### **Pedestrian Refuge**

The Pedestrian Refuge for the A3400 is still in progress and Mike McDonnell from WCC is in liaison with the Street Lighting division as the costs in respect of power for the bollards etc. is coming in a bit higher than anticipated. Over half of my division's Road Safety budget (£20K) has been allocated to the project and I have advised WCC that they can use any spare budget available to complete the project and I am confident works will commence in the near future. I am

particularly pleased that Bearley Village has taken ownership of the project by staging fundraising activities to contribute to this very worthwhile initiative.

#### Birmingham Road A3400 Improvements

Warwickshire County Council has been able to secure £2.4million in grants from the Department of Transport by contributing £1.1m towards the Birmingham Road A3400 Improvements and hopefully on completion these works will alleviate congestion and ease the journey for Bearley residents in and out of Stratford-upon-Avon.

#### Pot Holes

Pot holes have increasingly become a serious road safety issue, particularly in view of the bad winter which has hit Warwickshire. However, the county has received extra funding to help tackle the problem – a sum of £1.4 million as part of a £100 million funding pot announced by transport Chris Grayling. It's therefore important to report any pot holes via the WCC website and also alert myself so that I can chase the maintenance department.

#### Green Verge Damage

The county highways teams are aware of damage being caused by HGV's and inconsiderate drivers to green verge hot spots in Bearley and I am awaiting feedback from the Traffic and Safety team in terms of recommendations for street furniture which can help protect the verges but also comply with safety standards.

#### Community Grant

The community grants for 2018/19 have been increased and therefore the Parish Council and respective community groups are encouraged to identify a worthy cause which could benefit from a grant of £500 - £1000 this coming year. Last year I was delighted to help with the provision of a new fridge freezer.

#### Adult Social Care and Health

As a member of the Adult Social Care and Health team I have been extensively involved in a Task and Finish Group looking at GP Services throughout the County. It is widely known that GP Services are extremely stretched at present, however the issue is being compounded by no-shows from patients and those booking appointments for minor ailments which could otherwise be dealt with by the local pharmacy.

#### Council Tax

Warwickshire has increased its council tax by 4.99% this year but 2% of the increase has been ring fenced for Adult Social Care and Health to address the needs of vulnerable adults and children.

#### 8. Report from Stratford District Councillor – Councillor Simon Lawton

Council Tax- There was no increase for 2017/2018, which meant a three year freeze. However, in 2018/2019 there has been a 1% increase. This covers additional expenditure for homelessness and housing issues. There is also a potential reserve spending in 2018/2019 which is yet to be confirmed.

Housing – A new SDC property company is proposed for 2018, to build council houses on SDC land, which is progressing.

Planning - Planning applications have reduced, but work has been on-going to progress major settlements including the Canal quarter.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – is to be adopted in February 2019 and will provide a pool of monies to be spent on local projects. Of which, Wilmcote gets 25% of CIL, Bearley gets 15 % of CIL money and 25% when NP is completed.

#### 9. Reports from Community Organisations

##### **Ladies Table Tennis - Jo Le Page (read by the Clerk)**

We are a small group of ladies who meet on Monday mornings to play table tennis in Bearley Village Hall. The session runs from 10 am until 12.00 and we usually make time for a sociable break with a cup of coffee mid-morning. We take turns to play doubles using the two tables stored in the hall. Since Christmas we have had two new players joining our group so we now have a membership of ten players. We play competitively between our pairs but we do not play against other clubs. Our group has been established for over 14 years with a changing membership as people have left the village and newcomers have arrived.

##### **Bearley Village Hall – Charlotte Petit**

There has been a lot happening at the Village Hall this past year. We have a change in Trustees due to the resignation from the Chairmanship and as Treasurer of Graham Musson and our thanks and appreciation go to him for guiding the Village Hall forward with his acumen and commitment.

Carolyn Phillips has ably stepped in and under her leadership certainly the Hall will continue to prosper. We were also sad to lose David Groom as Gardening Club representative and Trustee. David was very often here or seen walking up and down to here looking after the day to day maintenance which is obviously ongoing in such a building. Our thanks go to him for that and also bringing together some of the larger projects.

We have been fortunate in a new Treasurer and Trustee with Trudy Hampson who is a qualified accountant and she is keeping a hand on the purse strings and up to the mark with finances and budgeting. Generally financially the Hall is in good shape especially in view of major expenses which have been incurred. The bookings are on an even keel and ongoing and new regulars such as the art classes have improved income but as ever we look to ways to carry on in this vein.

With the direction of Carolyn we have received Hallmark I and II accreditation for the hall by Warwickshire Rural Community Council which will ensure that standards of governance for the hall will be maintained. The certificates will be proudly displayed when they are received shortly.

We wish to thank Friends of Bearley Village for the 7 new tables which were certainly needed and which do contribute to the hall with further bookings.

Also generous donations have been received from several residents towards these chairs in the past year. Also thanks to the Bowls and Table Tennis clubs for their donations/contributions towards the new storage cupboards for their equipment which have been made in forgotten corners. The television which has been installed in the meeting room is a gift from Sue Musson in memory of her late mother and will surely hope to sell the letting capacity for that room. An update of the kitchen has moved forward with the purchase of a new cooker which has already proved its worth.

A Warwickshire County Council grant of £750 enabled a new fridge/freezer, which is in situ, to be purchased on a 'black Friday' deal as researched by Gill Groom to be in situ. This gave a surplus of c£300 to spend on more kitchen equipment and this with the agreement of the County Councillor.

A website domain -bearleyvillagehall.co.uk – has been set up which is to be linked into the Parish Council website in due course. Meanwhile there is work to do to produce an attractive site to lure in prospective hirers. Our biggest issue at present is the Social Club roof. This has been leaking over a period of time and has been patched up here and there on different occasions but unfortunately has now got to the stage where it really does need replacing and especially due to the fact that the Club lease has been put on to the market. The Social Club rent is vital to our finances and although the Village Hall can raise up to £7,000 towards this quotations received so far have been in the region of £40,000 and upwards. This does include removal and disposal of asbestos which in itself is highly specialised and consequentially expensive. Your Parish Council has agreed to continue the annual grant support to the Village Hall to pay down the loans which are necessary in order to carry out this work. . The further monies needed will be made up from an overdraft/loan which is yet to be implemented once the final quotation has been agreed. We are grateful to the Parish Council for their assistance in this and it is for the residents and the Bearley village as a whole to use this excellent facility and encourage friends and relatives in the area or further afield to do the same. We are an active and forward thinking committee and would like to offer a warm welcome to anyone wishing to join us. Onwards and upwards!!! Thank you.

#### **Bearley WI – June Callaghan**

Bearley WI meet every 2nd Thursday of the month. We have lots of interesting speakers who give talks on a wide range of topics. We have craft nights quiz nights so something for everyone... We have outings educational and fun with of course lunch or afternoon teas. We pride ourselves that we are a friendly bunch.....no one in this village need feel alone.....The WI is this community .

#### **St Mary the Virgin Church – Michael Hayes**

The Reverend Richard Mutter was appointed Rector for the Arden Valley Group of Churches in October. So we now have a full time priest...even if we have to share him with four other churches! He has settled in well in his new home in the vicarage in Snitterfield. We again held a full programme of weekly Services as well as celebrating the Church's Festivals during the year. We have held well attended Bible Study courses during Lent and Advent. We are fortunate to have organists who support us and play at our services. We thank them for their hard work and commitment.

Pastoral Care and community relations: many of the congregation are active in village organisations, and the Church plays a full part in village activities. We began a programme of delivering to every household a note to say that their road in the village would, in turn, for a month be included in our weekly Prayers. In addition each household is delivered a Christmas card, which gives information about all the Christmas Services. We have continued the process for safeguarding vulnerable adults and children, in particular within our church community, in accordance with the Diocesan policy. Home Communion is available for the housebound and the Arden Valley Nursing Home is visited regularly. Articles from St Mary's appear in every edition of the "Link" and the Bearley "Beacon" and we continue to display posters advertising Church Festival services on Notice Boards and on the Bearley web-site, when it is running!

Buildings etc. A programme of work in the Churchyard has been in progress all year and our thanks go to the individuals who have worked so hard...the difference it is making is dramatic. The Friends of Bearley village helped us pay for improved, energy efficient, lighting under the balcony.

Our congregation has grown slightly during the year. We had fully subscribed Harvest Supper. We make contributions to charitable causes and this year made a grant to a local family who were in need of support. We supported Christian Aid Week and the Stratford Food Bank.

### **Bearley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – Cllr A Erinmez**

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) was established by the Parish Council in 2015 to assist the Parish Council in neighbourhood planning and engage local residents in the process.

Over the last year membership of the NPSG has been constant, but activity has been limited. The reason for this is that the NPSG is awaiting consultation on the District Council's Draft Site Allocations Plan, the timetable for which has been subject to considerable slippage.

The key NPSG tasks over the year have been:

Monitoring progress of the District Council's Core Strategy and Site Allocations Plan. The Core Strategy was adopted in July 2016, and the latest position on the Site Allocations Plan (SAP);

Providing advice to the Parish Council in respect of planning applications for housing development within the Parish. The NPSG has considered proposals for four dwellings at Airmanship Hall, three dwellings on land off Church Lane and proposed development at Golden Cross.

Providing input to SDC Local Plan Built-Up Area Boundary Consultation in June 2017.

On 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 the Chairman Stephanie Hawkins stood down due to change in her circumstances. And on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 the Secretary Carolyn Phillips stood down due to an impending house move.

As a member of the NPSG and Chair of the Parish Council Arslan Erinmez kept NPSG informed of the progress of the BUAB consultation whilst arrangements for an NPSG meeting to elect a chair was in progress

Following advice from NPSG members, SDC and a Planning Consultant on 12 September 2017 Bearley Parish Council decided to continue with the Neighbourhood Plan which has been halted since June 2015.

The next NPSG meeting is scheduled for 23 April 2018 when elections of chair and secretary will be held and the Neighbourhood Plan Project Timetable will be discussed.

Please look out for notices and come along. All meetings are open to residents and you do not need to be a member of NPSG to participate.

### **Friends of Bearley Park – Kizzy Warner (read by the Clerk)**

Last year we held a bingo night, which was a great evening enjoyed by all and lots of great prizes were donated. Thank you to all who attended or donated a prize.

We also had a Rospa inspection, which went well and one of the points brought up, was that of the BMX course. It was said that we needed to top up the surface as it was very low.

The problem with the surface area is that it is too thin at the moment and to replace it would be expensive. I therefore suggested to keep the high side of the course, but have the rest lowered to then use as a picnic area, which would not cost the park money every year.

Last year I applied to Tesco's bags for life for picnic benches and I received an email to say we had been given £1,000 for the benches so will be ordering them soon.

Thank you to all who shop at Tesco's and popped there blue token into friends of Bearley Park box. Many thanks for all your support.

### **Digital Inclusion Project (aka Computer Club) – Graham Musson**

There are two strings to the Digital Inclusion Project. The first being the regular meetings each Friday and the second supporting the After-School Cookery Club including supplying three tablets.

The grant from Stratford District Council was awarded in April 2016 and the money was initially used to purchase Tablets and Keyboards and then for the provision of the Meeting Room and the ongoing provision of Broadband for the Village Hall.

The group attending the Friday Meeting in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall at 11:00 has been consistent at between five and eight. Last Friday we had six. Steve Kirk, one of our Volunteers, left due to work commitments before Christmas however the Club continues to meet virtually every Friday.

At the last meeting the group were asked what should be put into this report and the consensus was frustration though enjoyable.

The sessions mix a social meeting with tea/coffee and biscuits with some serious resolve in being proficient on the Tablets. There are both Android and iPads being used. Most of the group had never used a tablet before and the progress has been excellent. There is no cost in taking part.

The Group all catch up with friends and relatives with email and Facebook. We have one of the group working on going on line with their Medical Centre, another has successfully sold on Gumtree and one is looking to progress their family tree on line.

Originally the program was for two years however it is hoped to extend it further. The expertise is there to develop meetings/classes to assist on spreadsheets, word processing, publishing, family tree software, etc. However, one area of expertise where a volunteer is required is in social media. It is anticipated that some meetings will be in the evenings.

Anyone wanting to be involved either as a volunteer or to meet with others with a common interest in computing please contact Graham Musson at 731545.

### **Flower Club – Jo Wall**

Bearley Flower Club was formed back in 2010. In September 2011 we held a "Flower Festival" in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and from that produced a Calendar for 2012 depicting pictures from the Flower Festival for each month of the year.

Members of the Club arrange exquisite Floral Designs from Traditional to Contemporary and quite a number arrange flowers in the Church. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each Month in Bearley Village Hall from 2pm-4pm. We are a very friendly non-competitive group with a passion for Floral Arrangements.

If you would like to come and visit us to see what we do without any obligation to join.

Please contact me: *Jo Wall 731872* Email: [josephinewall67@gmail.com](mailto:josephinewall67@gmail.com)

### **Bearley Gardeners – Derek Bull**

Bearley Gardeners have been around for over 11 years and has proved to be a small, but friendly group of like-minded garden lovers. Throughout the years there has been a varied and interested mixture of meetings; providing technical, practical and entertaining themes. The Programme of meeting for Bearley Gardeners for the last 12 months:

2017

April - Courtyard Gardens - Adrian James

May - Visit to Blenheim Nurseries - Steve Felix Creating Hanging Baskets.

July - Bearley Garden Stroll - Peter & Jo Wall's Garden

September - AGM plus Produce Show

October - No Plot, No Problem - Philip Aubrey

November - Practical taking of shrub cuttings - Andy Pedrick

December – Christmas Meal at Navigation Inn Wootton Wawen

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January - Alpine beauty in Yunnan Province of China - Duncan Coombs

February - Reluctant Gardening - Derek Bull

March - An alternative look at weeds - Roger Umpelby



April - Fabulous Fuchsias - Angela Thompson

The 'Blooming Bearley' initiative continues to improve our village; which includes the village hall flower beds, several pots around the village and beds in front of the village signs, churchyard and roadside tidying.

We are grateful to the donations of physical and financial assistance from our members and Bearley Parish Council which makes this happen.

I wish to thank the hard work, commitment and help our Committee has provided over the years. I would particularly like to commend Graeme Davidson as Secretary and Sylvia Orton as Treasurer.

It is with much regret and sadness that it has become necessary to close down. Although membership has remained steady, there has not been sufficient replacements for key roles on the Committee.

#### **Friends of Bearley Village – J Wall**

The purpose of the charity is: (Taken from Friends of Bearley Village Constitution)

- To promote community activities within Bearley Village
- To hold events to raise money for community projects within Bearley Village, such projects will be agreed from time to time by the Trustees.
- To run a 100/200 club and those joining will become members of the Friends of Bearley Village.

CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES:

- (1) Raise Funds, receive grants and donations
- (2) Apply funds to carry out the work of the charity
- (3) Co-operate with and support other charities with similar purposes
- (4) Do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve the purpose

Donations have been made to: Bearley Park, After School Cookery Classist Mary's Church (New Electric Lights), Bearley Village Hall (New Tables), Bearley Village Hall (BBQ), Bearley Village Hall (Hearing Loop), Jo Wish & Co (Santa Run) and Restricted Funds (Bearley Pedestrian Crossing)

#### **Bearley Beacon – Elizabeth Gorsuch**

The Bearley Beacon continues to be issued free every two months to every house in Bearley.

Using a PowerPoint presentation of slides, the following regular articles were illustrated: Bearley Flower Club, Bearley Gardeners, The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Nature Notes, Pets' Page, and the activities of Friends of Bearley Village.

There are also more occasional articles on Bearley Motoring, Bearley History Group, and the W.I.

Every issue has short mention of Snipe Bowls, Ladies' Table Tennis, the Luncheon Club and the 100 Club winners which all take place throughout the year. There are also entries for the Village Hall, Recycling, the Mobile Library, the local Police Team, and useful phone numbers. There are several pages of advertisements.

The editor made a special plea for articles of village interest, and also photographs with a short article about pets.

#### **Village Organisations which did not present reports**

Snipes Short Mat Bowls Club, Bearley Sports & Social Club and 8<sup>th</sup> Warwick's (Stratford) Home Guard Rifle Club.

#### 10. Issues of General Concern and Interest

None raised

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

**Accounts Year to Date**

Reconciled to bank statement dated 29 March 2018

Actual 2016/2017		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018
<b>Balances B/F</b>			
£8,422.06	Current Account		£8,390.27
£33,096.47	Business Account (Investment)		£33,112.15
£-	Uncleared income		£266.00
£4,377.12	Unpresented cheques/payments		
<b>£37,141.41</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£41,768.42</b>

Actual 2016/2017		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018
<b>Income</b>			
£24,633.00	Precept & Council Tax Grant	£24,633.00	£24,633.00
£170.00	Burials	£500.00	£200.00
£-	Grants	£-	£-
£-	Neighbourhood Plan Grant	£-	£-
£-	Events	£-	£-
£19.03	Interest	£25.00	£15.68
£1,672.87	VAT	£2,250.00	£-
£208.50	Beacon	£250.00	£202.00
£-	Other	£-	£301.00
<b>£26,703.40</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£27,658.00</b>	<b>£25,351.68</b>

Actual 2016/2017		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018
<b>Expenditure</b>			
£4,287.85	Clerks Salary	£4,500.00	£3,785.76
£-	HMRC	£-	£639.60

£		£	£
625.22	Admin Expenses	600.00	363.79
£		£	£
3,325.00	Churchyard & Upper Play Area Cutting	3,200.00	4,594.97
£		£	£
-	Sportsfield at Village Hall Cutting	-	-
£		£	£
850.00	Donations	1,000.00	543.17
£		£	£
6,000.00	Village Hall Grant	6,000.00	6,000.00
£		£	£
1,095.97	Parish Maintenance	1,500.00	-
£		£	£
337.68	Street-light Maintenance	1,500.00	1,110.71
£		£	£
1,092.90	Street-light Power	1,600.00	1,253.49
£		£	£
234.00	Subscriptions	234.00	182.64
£		£	£
1,078.02	Insurance	1,200.00	-
£		£	£
200.00	Audit	400.00	400.00
£		£	£
-	Beacon	-	-
£		£	£
-	Village Hall Hire	250.00	-
£		£	£
2,050.00	Contingencies/Miscellaneous	-	-
£		£	£
-	Planning Issues	-	-
£		£	£
-	Neighbourhood Plan	3,400.00	738.00
£		£	£
-	Election Reserves	-	-
£		£	£
559.62	Play Equipment	-	-
£		£	£
-	Play Area Project	-	-
£		£	£
50.00	GDPR	300.00	85.00
£		£	£
21,786.26	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£25,684.00</b>	<b>19,697.13</b>
£		£	£
1,116.99	VAT Paid	£2,000.00	1,027.54
£		£	£
<b>22,903.25</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£27,684.00</b>	<b>20,724.67</b>

Actual Balance of Accounts Current Year To Date		Budget based on Year End Forecast 31.03.17	Actual Balance of Accounts Current Year To Date
£		£	£
33,341.26	Bank B/F	32,594.88	37,141.41
£		£	£
26,703.40	Total Income	27,658.00	25,351.68
£		£	£
22,903.25	Total Expenditure	27,684.00	20,724.67
£		£	£
<b>37,141.41</b>	<b>Balance C/F</b>	<b>32,568.88</b>	<b>41,768.42</b>
£		£	£
8,422.06	Current Account		8,390.27
£			£
33,096.47	Investment Account		33,112.15
£			£
<b>41,518.53</b>	<b>Total Bank Balance</b>		<b>41,502.42</b>

£		£
4,377.12	Minus unrepresented cheques from current financial year	-
£		£
-	Minus unrepresented cheques from previous financial year	-
		£
	Plus uncleared income	266.00
£		£
<b>37,141.41</b>		<b>41,768.42</b>

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