

TYTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Tytherington Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 12th April 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

27 Parishioners attended

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all those present and reminded Parishioners that the Parish Council was always approachable and that if there were any problems to address them to the Parish Council as soon as possible.

Georgie from Tytherington Pre-School was in attendance and gave the following presentation

1. Apologies for Absence
Paul Barrow, Val Johnson, Roger Unwin, Suzy Unwin, Richard Williams
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th April 2017 were signed as correct.

3. **Police Report**

There was no police report available at the meeting but the clerk received the a Police Stats statement the next day which is attached to the minutes and on the web site.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Annual Parish Council Meeting took place on 12th April 2017, since then Cllrs Becky Longworth and Cheryl Wrench have remained as Chairman and Vice Chair respectively. As a body, all Councillors have given their time freely to serve the interests of the community and none have claimed anything against any of the possible allowable expenses.

This year we are a full body and welcomed Cllr Neil Emerson onto the Council and thank Martin Gregory for his work in the role during 2017.

The Parish Clerk Gill Brooks has continued to provide service to the Council and has been instrumental in helping the Council through the various processes, procedures and regulations that we adhere by.

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act

In the context of Clean Neighbourhoods, the Village "Spring Clean Day" is set for Saturday 21st April 2018. We look forward to seeing you at the Jubilee Field at 10.00 am when gloves, pickers and bags will be issued. The Spring Clean covers some of the main areas in Tytherington and we look forward to seeing as many parishioners as possible. If you are unable to make this time but would still like to pick during the weekend, please can you contact the Clerk or Chair and we can arrange equipment for you.

Green Spaces

As a Parish Council we continue to communicate with SGC on a regular basis to reconfirm our local green spaces. Many thanks to Cllr Chris Castell in his continued efforts in this area and getting recognition of the parish lands in order to protect them from potential development opportunities.

The PC would like to thank Mark Lacey for his grass cutting services over the last three years. Last year we went out to tender and have appointed DR Howse Service Limited for a one-year contract to be followed by a review and renewal process.

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The Tytherington Countryside Group

The Countryside Group met three times during the year and continues to oversee the management of common land areas within the Parish boundaries. The input of the voluntary wardens is invaluable and gratefully acknowledged. An annual grass cutting program took place in line with Management Plans, the cost of which was partly paid for by the Parish Council and partly donated by the Conservation Volunteers. Further work was also undertaken on the Tytherington Hill Lime Kilns and thanks to volunteers who have ensured the Kiln is no longer home to a tree and variety of greenery.

We continue to liaise with SGC to return the grant money for the bush cutter mower which was sold in April 2016. £1,600 remains ring fenced in the Parish Council accounts, hopefully we will be able to resolve this matter before the next APM as it does seem unusual for SGC not to want a return of the money!

We have continued to try and get confirmation SGC on when they could fit a light at the top of the steps and connect it to the light at the bottom of the '49 Steps' steps, or if the Parish Council should undertake this work through approved suppliers.

Thanks to all who have attended machinery use training courses and completed risk assessments to ensure we remain compliant with our insurance and liability.

S106 Money

S106 money is the funding awarded by SGC under the old planning arrangements for the Lime Kilns development and is restricted to spend on open spaces within the Parish. Our proposals to enhance a range of informal open spaces and natural and semi-natural open spaces within the parish, as set out in our EOI for S106 funding, was approved by SGC in March 2018. We have been awarded £15,330 , with £904.20 remaining and will be looking to submit a further EOI following consultation with the wardens and discussion at our next PC meeting. Many thanks to Cllr Castell who has led on this and painstakingly completed all of the paperwork necessary to successfully obtain the funding.

Projects approved cover a variety of tasks from updated management plans to maintenance or in some cases re-discovery of the area. Full details are available on the PC website. We shall also have a stall at May Day when you can meet some of the wardens and hopefully sign up to help with some of the tasks – even a couple of spare hours can be put to good use.

Areas that will have S106 projects undertaken are:

- Itchington Pond
- Itchington Common
- Itchington Triangle
- Common Alm
- Harrows End
- Coronation Gardens
- Hardwicke Field
- Tytherington Hill
- Baden Hill Common
- Information on flora and fauna in a variety of loctions
- Village Pump in Duck Street

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Jubilee Field

Many thanks to all of the residents who took part on the play equipment consultation. The PC was delighted to open the new play area during the Christmas holidays. Thanks to Cllr Seve and Lucy Taylor for all of their work in making this happen.

Thanks also to the M and M committee for re-jigging the May Day layout to accommodate the new equipment.

Traffic Matters

Speedwatch sessions are regularly underway and many thanks to our co-ordinator Colin Winkworth and the team for their continued efforts to reduce the percentage of speeders in the village by frequent and varied monitoring positions. Please read Colin's very informative report on our website.

Signage has been installed in West Street following complaints of speeding, and at the request local residents and the PC has also been repositioned by SGC to be more beneficial.

The volume and speed of traffic in Itchington continues to be of great concern. Cllr Castell has worked with SGC to try and resolve the matter, but with limited success from the representatives concerned. As a PC we also contacted the SAT Nav makers directly advising that whilst Itchington Road is currently unrestricted it is not suitable as the fastest route option. No responses were received. We have now escalated the matter to our ward councillor, Cllr Marion Lewis, and she has taken up our case on the need to make Itchington Road safer for residents and cars travelling on this road with SGC Officers and Councillors

We would also like to thank Mr Matthews for his continuing work in assisting the PC with resolving the never ending 'Pot Hole' saga. Ernie has been instrumental in identifying works required and ensuring that when the Council teams do turn up they address the problem correctly and effectively.

M5 Noise Reduction

There is nothing to report in this area, but the PC will continue to contact the relevant bodies.

Village Post Office

The Council agreed to rollover the funding from the Village precept for 2017/18. In addition, a grant of £1,000 was awarded to support the running costs of the Village Shop, as both the Post Office and Shop are pivotal to village life.

Village Hall

The PC would like to thank the continued work of the Village Hall Committee in maintaining and running this wonderful village asset for the benefit of us all. The Village Hall AGM is on the 9th May 2018 at 8pm in the Village Hall, and the committee would welcome new members to assist with the running of the Hall and fundraising efforts.

Village Store

The PC and Village Hall Committee have agreed to work together as and when the opportunity arises to repair the storage facilities at the Village Hall. Estimates to date have been in excess of £20,000 so neither body has any immediate plans to start on the work. Funding towards a permanent village store will remain ring fenced in our accounts once the

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cost of the interim solution has been completed. On a positive note the recent developments approved in the village will generate Community Infrastructure Levy otherwise known as CIL payments. Unlike S106 monies, which can only be used on green spaces, CIL monies can be used for a variety of purposes that will benefit the local community. To date we have no detail on the amount that will be awarded to the village or timescale.

The PC is pleased to announce that following ongoing discussions we have finally produced a possible resolution for an interim village store. This will be discussed and concluded at the next PC meeting in May. The PC thanks the local residents who have temporarily stored equipment while the PC concluded the matter of an interim store and its location.

The Swan

It is wonderful to see the refurbishment work on the The Swan completed, and the success the new owners Nikki and Shane Clark are making of the pub. The PC would like to thank Nikki and Shane for their support of village events and also arranging for their contractors to clear out and refurbish the Bus Stop.

Telephone Box

Many thanks to the 'Kiosk Kidz' aka Tytherington Roots History Group for refurbishing the telephone box. It is now bright and gleaming rather than a faded eye sore. Work is underway to look at what can be done with the internal space with suggestions such as local artwork, seasonal swaps, and historical displays being investigated.

Tytherington Quarry

No further communications have been received about possible moves to develop plans for an inert waste disposal operation on the North face. The council continues to monitor the situation and our Clerk is in frequent contact with the owners following the reinstatement of works.

Housing

There has been no further correspondence on the proposed redevelopment of Merlin Housing on the Southlands site. Merlin have confirmed that currently they are working on other sites and have no immediate plans to start in the area. Once they are prepared to move into Tytherington, they will be in touch to consult residents. In November 2016, a newsletter update was sent by Merlin to its residents, stating that Merlin give residents up to 18 months' notice prior to any consultations taking place. The PC would like to remind residents of Woodlands and Southlands to contact us if they receive any communications or need assistance.

Planning

As noted last year the council looks to support every resident in all aspects of the planning application process. The Parish Council makes every effort to ensure the views of the residents are made known to SGC in a cohesive and structured way. We also share via our PC website and social media any documentation we receive, plus we welcome queries via all the usual channels.

During this year we have seen the approval of a number of developments in the village. The PC would like to thank TAG for all of their hard work and to note that they presented an

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extremely good case for objecting to the planning applications which were both passionate and professional.

Concerns that the current infrastructure locally and in surrounding areas is inadequate remain, however, the developments are now reality and we are seeking ways to work with the developers to ensure the best outcome for the Parish. To this end Cotswold Homes are in favour of a Liaison Committee with local residents and we would welcome people to volunteer to join this group. The Stowell Development is still in initial stages, and we remain in correspondence with the landowner on next steps.

With regards to the Barmersland Farm rights of way issue this has now been closed as the developers have not used the access way. However, we will continue to monitor the situation and if necessary re-instate the legal process if there is any contravention.

New South Gloucestershire Local Plan

Part of the new Local Plan's purpose will be to allocate sites for strategic development at locations identified in the Joint Spatial Plan (JSP), as well as to allocate new sites for non-strategic development. The Non-Strategic Development in the rest of South Gloucestershire covers the additional 1,800 new homes and potentially some small-scale employment areas, required in South Gloucestershire to meet the plan. These will need to be delivered between 2018-2036. For a development to be counted as part of the non-strategic growth plan it must consist of 10 or more dwellings and will cover the development plans in the affected areas until 2036.

There are currently three options in the plan and all residents are being asked to respond by 30th April on the options.

- Option 1 Rural Places Outside the Green Belt covering 12 areas
- Option 2 Rural Places Inside the Green Belt covering 28 areas
- Option 3 Rural Places Both Inside and Outside the Green Belt covering 35 areas

The initial reaction would be not to build on green belt and support Option 1. Unfortunately, Tytherington is classified as outside of the Green Belt. There is no determined formula on how the provision will be allocated yet, but unfortunately Tytherington is in every option. Under option 1 we would be faced with a heavier development burden than under option 3. It should also be noted that infill or development of 3 to 7 houses does not count towards the non-strategic growth, and there is no provision for tallying these up together and they fall under the category of speculative development.

However, there is some positive news, SGC have confirmed that the current developments on Duck Street and Stowell Hill have been aligned to the non-strategic growth so we have already made a significant contribution towards even option 1 over the next 18 years. SGC have advised that if we can, in association with local landowners, identify possible sites for development then these can be included in the plan. This will prevent speculative development. At previous PC meetings there have been mention of possible sites so we would urge residents to contact the PC as a matter of urgency. If the village identifies areas for development then speculative development will be pushed back by SGC

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This will mean that further development on the Duck Street or Stowell Hill developments will be classified as speculative development if they are not nominated as allocated areas for the non-strategic growth plan. To be nominated for non-strategic allocation will require the support of the by a significant number of residents and the PC.

It is also worth noting that the recent changes in planning law has resulted in Boundary Lines now being seen as indicative rather than determined. In the last 3 years the weighting of them has been significantly reduced and we should be mindful of this when faced with small developments that will not be treated as a cumulative tally.

In addition, proposed access routes that have been used to support development, e.g. the walking and cycling routes used as an argument to support the Tytherington developments can be challenged. SGC have said that if residents feel that routes are not suitable for walking or cycling they should email them directly at PlanningPolicy@southglos.gov.uk and they will keep comments on file. Suggestions would be anecdotal evidence, photos, road conditions that do not lend themselves etc.

The PC strongly recommends that residents read the local plan document, specifically the sections on non-strategic growth either via our website or SGC. A paper copy is available at Thornbury Library and the PC also has a copy that can be loaned. The PC would urge all resident to respond to this consultation. It can be found at :

<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/NewLocalPlanFeb/consultationHome>

or queries or comments on the proposals can be sent to PlanningPolicy@southglos.gov.uk

All comments need to be submitted by 30th April 2018

Neighbourhood Plan

In 2016 we received a very informative talk on Neighbourhood Plans at the Annual Parish Meeting and all documents are available on our website. Although grants are available, the PC concluded at the time that the cost and work required was not something that could be supported given current constraints.

Following publication of the proposed developments by the Resolve Group & Cotswold Homes, we registered the PC interest in generating a neighbourhood plan. At the PC February 2018 meeting the Clerk updated that she had spoken to Dr Martin Bryce (TAG Chair) in respect of starting a Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed to debate this at the APM. It is worth noting that the local plan can provide the same cover via a high authority that a neighbourhood plan. However, following this report we will open to the floor for comment.

Solar Farm

The Community Benefit agreement continues to be received, and the PC has maintained its policy of using this money for grants to local organisations.

Grants Awarded

The PC agreed the following grants:

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- St James' Church boundary wall – £1,500. As noted in the last report it was agreed that the PC would underwrite the cost if the PCC were unsuccessful in obtaining grants from other sources.
- Tytherington Baptist Church - £1,800 towards the cost of replacement windows
- Tytherington Pre-school - £780 towards the cost of outdoor activities to meet OFSTED requirements
- Tytherington Village Shop - £1,000 to provide support running costs
- Tytherington Roots - £750 to meet the costs of refurbishing the telephone box
- Tytherington Christmas Tree - £65

SGC Services

As part of cost saving exercises SGC continue to require Councils to pay for, or find alternative sources, for services previously provided through the Council Tax. The approach of residents along Stowell Hill Road regular cutting the grass verges continues to work well and thanks are due to those who have taken over the cutting.

This year SGC were better at keeping verges cut where road safety was an issue and the PC is pleased to report that no complaints were received. Streetcare has also been very helpful and timely in clearing fly tipping. The PC would like to remind residents that if you see anyone fly tipping by vehicle, to if possible without endangerment, note the registration and contact the police.

The Council has been involved in several consultations as part of SGC's continuing cost saving exercises, welfare services, development plans and reorganisation due to the combined authority. All of these consultations are opened up to residents and the PC would urge parishioners to voice their views.

Policing

The council is aware that the rural policing policy for Avon and Somerset Constabulary remains under review. In 2016 we advised that an initial proposal was for local councils to pay much of the costs for this service. To date this proposal has not materialised, and additional funding remains through the Council Tax annual charge. However, we continue to monitor the situation and will keep the Parish informed of any developments.

We would like to thank our local support officers for their continued liaison with the PC and the surgeries they have held in the village shop that benefit all residents.

Wessex Water

The PC continues to engage with Wessex Water to review the sewage provision and Bristol Water the water provision in the Village.

Residents are reminded that with regards to water provision or sewage issues to directly contact Bristol or Wessex Water respectively and to also alert the Council to any ongoing issues or request support for escalation. We are fully aware of the poor water pressure in certain areas of the village and would ask residents to persist with their communications with Bristol Water.

During the past year we have seen works completed by Wessex Water to try and address flooding along Duck Street. Phase 1 involved extensive sealing throughout the catchment, including up to 800m in Tytherington. Phase 2 involved capacity improvements within the

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foul sewer network. All have been completed with varying degrees of success. Residents are urged to bring any flooding whether rainwater or sewage to the attention of the PC and if possible take photographs to assist with any escalations.

We have also escalated with Wessex Water the damage done to grass verges along Baden Hill, Duck Street and New Road as a result of the diversions put in place while the work was undertaken. We await a response.

Broadband

On paper Tytherington has at last superfast broadband. However, the PC is fully aware that 'superfast broadband' or fibre is for some residents not the case. Our clerk has full details of what is required for connection to the service and what is and isn't applicable. Likewise, Cllr Wrench has a lot of experience dealing with BT and broadband suppliers and can provide advice.

Itchington 'nearly' has full broadband coverage, the final stretch of connection is under discussion between Openreach and the landowner and not a matter the PC can influence or become directly involved in. However, we do continue to monitor Openreach and receive regular updates which are shared at PC meetings.

Financial Matters

The Council has continued to manage public funds in an effective and timely manner, thus ensuring that the Parish Council has remained in a healthy financial position for the year 2017/18.

A large proportion of the Parish precept was allocated to maintaining our green spaces and the budget set for 2018/2019 follows a similar pattern. Following a review of our budget in certain areas we run at a deficit and have been drawing down from our reserves. Additional spending requirements generated by external bodies are difficult to forecast for and assign contingency budget to. We also reviewed that whilst additional housing in Tytherington would generate additional precept income we have no timeline on when they would be occupied and generating precept. To this end in order to protect the services carried out by the PC we increased the precept by 8%, which in financial terms is an increase of £6.46 per annum for a Band D household

The internal quarterly review of our finances continues and we received positive feedback from NALCA and the external auditor on our last submittal. In addition to the thanks extended to the Parish Clerk and Cllr Seve for the above we also note with thanks the work of Diane Creevy as the Internal Auditor.

At our last APM our clerk advised that the PC would have to appoint an auditor familiar with Parish Council governance at the 2018 APM. To this end we discussed auditor appointment at our January meeting and are pleased to confirm that at our February meeting our clerk confirmed that Diane Creevy would continue in the role and met the necessary requirements.

From 2018 FYE the external auditor will be PKF Littlejohn.

Parish Council Matters

Residents are reminded that the Parish Council may be contacted via the website www.tytheringtonpc.org.uk; at the Parish email address - clerk@tytheringtonpc.org.uk; by

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post to 8 Solent Way, Thornbury, BS49 4BT; by telephone to 01454 416637 or to any of the Councillors. We also have a presence on Facebook and encourage residents to join the group.

Minutes of meetings are available on the website as well as the Notice Board. The website also provides contact information for the Police and Streetcare to whom you can make direct requests for action without having to wait for a response from the PC.

Ward Councillor's Report

The Chairman's report has covered all the activities of the Parish Council over the last year, and you will all be very familiar with the details of the housing developments which are coming to the village in the near future. May I say what a pleasure it has been to work with/listen to/ be involved with your councillors and residents over the past year. You have approached contentious issues in a calm and professional way and discussions have been constructive and informed. I have to thank you all for this.

So, here are some key points from South Gloucestershire Council:

In May last year, Cllr Tim Bowles from Winterbourne became the first West of England Mayor in May, and has set about appointing appropriate experts to deliver progress on Transport, Housing, Industrial development and Training programmes across the region.

Joining the new West of England Combined Authority has brought £1 Billion of new infrastructure funding to the region over the next 20 years.

In June, Luke Hall was re-elected as our MP for Thornbury and Yate with a massively increased majority, and continues to work closely with constituents, and to meet with them on every possible occasion.

These are still challenging times for the Government nationally, and we, as a Unitary Authority, seek to bring down public spending, as far as possible without cutting essential services, and to make changes to ensure that the Council lives within its means. Our aim is always to get value for money.

Waste and recycling: we have started collecting all recyclables every week, and continued to collect black bin general waste fortnightly. Our black bins have been replaced with smaller ones, and both of these measures are already helping to increase the recycling rates, reduce the amount sent to landfill, and save £1 million pounds a year in landfill tax. There is already a 13% increase in recycling since the introduction of these measures. If all the recyclable waste in the black bin was recycled then the savings would be £3 million a year.

New Bus Passes

We have introduced a new bus pass for those residents who are registered blind, so they can use their bus pass before 9 am.

Severn Bridge tolls

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South Glos cannot take all the credit for the reduction in the bridge tolls (£6.70 down to £5.60) but, knowing that the management contract was coming to an end, pressure was liberally applied by MPs and Councils on both sides of the bridge, and the tolls are set to be abolished completely by the end of this year.

Library Services. There was general agreement that we would have to cut spending on our library services by £500,000. After some research, we have introduced a system whereby residents can use the libraries when they are unstaffed. No library will be closing and we are doubling the opening times. We are doing 'more for less' with our libraries.

Unfortunately the mobile library service to villages has had to be discontinued, but books are still available delivered 'straight to the door' for vulnerable residents.

Cost of running the Council

Councils are often accused of using taxpayers' money on 'too much bureaucracy'.

So we have cut the cost of running the Council by cutting out meetings, merging committees and returning to a Cabinet form of governance. This has gone a long way towards streamlining decision-making and the implementation of decisions once made.

Surplus office space at Kingswood has been rented out, bringing in more money, without any reduction in services to the community in Kingswood, and leaving the Council Chamber and the very well-used Training Suite still intact.

Solar panels have been built on Council owned waste land.

We have joined the government's new Business Rate Retention pilot, which will increase the council's revenue by £18 Million over the 3 years.

Health Scrutiny Committee

I was given a new responsibility during the year and became Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This means that my committee works with the North Bristol NHS Trust, the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Health and Wellbeing Committee, and Social Services with the aim of improving health and welfare services to all of our communities. Our biggest challenges this year have been Delayed transfer of patients out of hospital, the Minor Injuries Service (which aims to keep patients from attending A & E unnecessarily) and the continued delays and deliberations over the promised facilities at the Frenchay and Thornbury hospital sites.

Housing, Transport, Education and Social Care

As ever, Housing and Transport are major challenges for the council, followed closely by Education, but by far the largest area of responsibility and expenditure is social care which takes more than 50% of the budget, and which is an area of increasing demand as our population lives longer and needs more help.

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Thanks to the Parish Council and to all the community groups in Tytherington. You hold the village together in an incredibly positive way.

5. Trustee's Report

The current balance – unaudited – of the Hardwicke trust is: £39,071.52

Comprising of:

£2,400.55 : Current Account NatWest bank

£17,370.02– Investment with Henderson Fund Managers

£10,827.08 – National Savings Account

There is also a debt to the Trustees from the PC amounting to £9,000.

This year the Trust has been providing financial support to development and refurbishment of the Pavilion. The trustees would like to thank The Rocks, in particular Ted Travell and Simon Pritchard, for organising the works and securing funding from the Football Association. Amazingly part of the work was to replace the original 1937 floor, just goes to show that when something is done properly it does last! The extension works to the pavilion have now been completed on the Hardwicke Field and is open to hire by Tytherington residents. A formal opening with the Football Association is in plan for June 2018, and we are looking forward to hosting the June Parish Council meeting in The Pavilion. Photographs and a booking form will be added to the web site in due course, but in the meantime if you would like to book The Pavilion please contact a member of The Rocks Committee.

The Trustees would like to thank the Tytherington Rocks for their ongoing maintenance of the Hardwicke Field football pitch and the work of Ted Travell and Merv Lacey in the maintenance of the land and the Pavilion.

The trustees would also like to thank the fantastic work undertaken and organised by our new warden Mr Andrew McCabe. Andrew worked tirelessly with TCV and the OVO Energy team to do some fantastic work on the Hardwicke Field SNCI and continues to identify opportunities to maintain the space for the benefit of us all.

Now for the paperwork part. The Trust was put in place in 1937 to protect the Hardwicke Field for the recreational purposes of the parishioners. Over the years the trustees have evolved into being the Parish Council, and some historical precedents have simply rolled forward.

One of the acts of the current Parish Council was to instruct our solicitors, to review the trust to ensure that it was fit for purpose, to review the makeup of the trustees in order to prevent any possible conflict of interest, and to guarantee the continued protection of the Hardwicke Field as a valued green space in the village.

All amendments to the updated trust documentation has been completed and the Hardwicke Trust will return to a mixed board of trustees comprising of 3 Council members, 3 Parishioners one of which would be the Chair. The updated documentation will be

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published on the PC website from the 19th April under the tab Hardwicke Trust, and details on where to submit any comments. You will also be able to submit comments at our stand on May Day. Likewise, if you would like to volunteer for a role as trustee please come forward, if you have any questions on responsibilities or how much time you would really be volunteering please do ask.

The consultation period will last for 21 days and any comments addressed accordingly with the results published in a transparent and orderly fashion. Our next step will be to advertise the roles available and hope that parishioners will come forward to join the Board of Trustees and ensure the future of the Hardwicke Trust and associated assets. It should be noted that this is assuming we receive the backing of the Village to cease the current Trust arrangement and bring the trust into the 21st century.

Finally, to conclude with an announcement. The Trust has been approached by local residents Mr and Mrs Wilson to purchase the strip of land alongside their property. Although we have been in contact with the Charity Commission there is ambiguity around the disposal of the land. To this end the proceedings have been paused while we resume consultation with the CC. In addition, we have a legal requirement to consult those impacted on the proposed sale, i.e. the residents of Tytherington. To this end we shall open a consultation period once we have received advice from the Charity Commission, in accordance with the legal requirements surrounding any proposed disposal of Land administered under Trust.

Going forward both the updating of the Trust and the request for land purchase shall form part of the Hardwicke Trust Report at each Parish meeting. As Chair of the Trust I apologise for not providing more transparency and information on these matters. Hopefully, following the necessary consultations all matters will be resolved in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines and legal requirements.

6. **Brief Statement of Accounts**

The Clerk had produced the unaudited receipts and payments account for the year ended 2017/18. The clerk advised that £500 was left to pay on the PWLB in respect of the village hall.

7. **Village Hall Report**

The Village Hall committee has 9 members, plus a Parish Council and Pre-School representative. We meet on the first Wendeday of each month bi-monthly.

The hall has been used in 2017 and 2018 by

The Churpel Society for a show in October and a pantomime in March, which unfortunately had to be postponed due to the snow and is re-scheduled for the end of April.

Pre-school 4 days/week during term time.

St John's Ambulance weekly during term time

WI 10 meetings/year

Thornbury Music Theatre

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Village Shop
Mixer Group
Birthday parties of all ages
Gide and brownie weekend camps
General Election
Jazz Jive

With all the above income we still exceed out outgoings

The new sound system/projector in the annex which was mentioned last year is not happening.

The formation of a new village and pre-school store by upgrading the old cycle shed, is not going ahead until funding can be obtained.

During the last year the following improvements have been done

Further upgrade to the broadband system
Replacement of lighting in the main hall
Repairs of night storage heater in annex
Regular tsting and replacement of faulty equipment to the fire alarm and emergency lighting systems.

I would like to thank my committee members especially Linda Taylour (Vice Chair), John Lewis (Secretary) and Graham Pugh (Treasurer).

8. May Day Committee

The May Day Fair 2016 started off with heavy rain and very wet arrival of the Monarch and attendants. However, it was not a total wash-out, and many thanks to Bradley Stoke Judo Club for performing in not perfect conditions. Unfortunately, the Band had to perform in the Marquee, (rather loud and crowded), and following on from this the M &M group wish to have their own large pop-up tent to 'house' the Band. For 2017 we are going to borrow one from Becky Longworth, but will purchase one in readiness for the Fun Day, but will need somewhere to store it please?

Once again thanks the Parish Council for allowing us to have dogs in the Jubilee Field for the Fun Dog Show event as this brings in quite a lot of visitors.

The fair had all the usual attractions, and many thanks to all who volunteer to make the day such a success.

The May Day Fair for 2017 is not far away, and I hope that you are all coming along on the day. The Bradley Stoke Judo club will be performing again, and we are also having a Security Dog demonstration

Please give generously to the tombola collectors who will soon be knocking on your door. Alternatively, you can leave your suitable donations of bottle and cans etc at the village shop

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before Thursday 27 April. Also, we are always looking for volunteers to help on the day, so if you can help, please contact Val Johnson (417445)

12. **Marquee Committee**

Last year the marquee was used 13 times during the season. This resulted in an income after expenses of approximately £2,500. The new season is about to commence and the marquee is already committed for 10 events, the first being May Day.

The marquee committee have taken the decision this year to invest our funds in the replacement of the centre section of canvas and some wall panels. This is currently being manufactured by Attwoolls and should be ready within the next few weeks. This not only ensures the marquee will be available for many years to come but upgrades the canvas to a flame retardant fabric. Unfortunately, this substantial investment will result in a reduction to the donations that we can make to the community groups this year. Our aim is to get back to normal for next year.

Insurance continues to be in place to cover the volunteers during erection and dismantling of the marquee.

The management and erection of the marquee is solely reliant on small dedicated group of volunteers and the committee are very grateful to all who have helped during the season. All offers of help from volunteers on the relevant days would be much appreciated, if anyone would like to get involved please let me have your contact details.

Would like to thank the Council for their continued support.

13. **Village Shop Report**

Will be added after the Village Shop AGM.

18. **AOB**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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