

Odstock Parish Council
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Draft Minutes of The Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May
2024 at the Pavilion, Nunton Recreation Field.

The meeting started at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Edward Riley (Chair), Nigel Start (Vice Chair), Sally Nelson, Liz Stanger, Colin Berry, Nigel Start, Chris Trubshaw, Shaun Askew.

Also present: Jay McGowan (Clerk), Cllr Richard Clewer, PC Evans - Community Neighbourhood Officer, 1 Parishioner.

Agenda

1. Welcome. Cllr Riley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. To receive and accept apologies for absence. None

3. To receive a report from the Cllr Ed Riley, Chairman of the Parish Council.

My continued thanks to those volunteers helping out around the parish, litter picking, the work on Vicarage Gardens and all the efforts tidying up Jubilee Gardens as well. We are about to install a bin at Jubilee Gardens and one in Nunton Field to reduce littering.

We now have both defibrillators installed, one at each pub in the parish, hopefully never used but reassuring to have, nonetheless. We have also replaced the notice board in Odstock, thanks again to Steward Ford for making it, it looks fantastic.

We said goodbye to Jackie, who joined the Parish Council the same time as I did back in 2021 and worked really hard on the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations back in 2022. As a replacement we welcomed a familiar face to many of us, Sean, to the council this year.

Some of the Odstock play park equipment needs to be replaced and that will be our focus next year.

We thank Cllr Richard Clewer whom always makes the time to attend our meeting and adds valuable input.

I would like to thank the Councillor for their dedication and time to help make this community a better place for all.

4. To sign the Minutes from meeting held 3rd May 2023. Resolved: All Cllrs approved the Minutes as a true record of the meeting. Cllr Riley signed the Minutes.

5. Open Forum.

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Drainage on Rose Lane and Vicarage Corner

The Church warden of St Andrew's Church reiterated the ongoing drainage concerns of Rose Lane between Nunton Cottage and the junction by Church Cottage. There appears to be very little opportunity for rainwater to drain from the road and it frequently flows down the driveway to the church which resulted in the recent flooding of the Barker Room.

A similar situation occurred 10-11 years ago in which the Barker Room suffered from flooding then too. It is believed there is a drain placed on the corner that leads from Rose Lane to the Church driveway, if there is a drain the silt has built up and the drain is covered in debris and vegetation that it is not doing its purpose. Could the Parish Council do something to help? Could Vicarage Corner please also be cleared to allow effective drainage.

Resolved: Rose Lane, Cllrs will locate the drain and submit a request to Wiltshire Council for the vector to come and clear the drain. Going forward from there, the Parish Council will ask for this drain to be listed on the annual vector visit list.

Vicarage Corner: As this land belongs to Longford Estate, Cllr Nelson will contact the Estate Office and ask for this to be cleared.

PC Marc Evans, Neighbourhood Police Officer.

PC Evans introduced himself as the New Neighbourhood Officer. He wanted to highlight the recent 'courier scam' that is operating in the vicinity. He has asked all residents to be aware of the scam and report any unusual behaviour.

Resolved: Cllr Trubshaw will place a note in News & Notes to inform residents of the scam, helpful links to advice will be added. Residents are encouraged to contact either PC Evans or call 101 (non-emergency) straight away to report any suspicious behaviour. A note will be added to report any fly-tipping in the area.

With no further business to discuss, Cllr Riley closed the meeting at 7.30pm.