



LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY** held at **The Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue, Locking** on **Thursday 26th April 2018 at 6:30pm**

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Mike Cooper.

Present: 6 members of Locking Parish Council & 6 members of the Public

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr C Blinco, Cllr S Washington, Cllr L Mason, Cllr B. Bearsby, Locking Pre- School, Locking Rainbows, PCSO, & FC Locking

2. **Confirmation of Minutes:** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly held on 26/04/2017

The minutes for the Parish Meeting held on the 26th April 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Police Report**

A report was received from PCSO Aisha Mitchel and read out by the Chairman. Cllr C Dumbell wished to thank PC Dave Eastman for his support in the past as he was retiring.

4. **Community Organisations**

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Jane Blinco gave a report: - There are 19 members at present. They meet once a month at the Parish Hall. However due to numbers falling they may have to close next year.

Locking Primary School

Head Teacher Joanne Jones gave a report as follows: -

Celebrations and Challenges from Locking School

Celebrations:

Children – as always, we continue to be immensely proud of all the pupils at Locking Primary School who are an absolute credit to the local community. The many visitors we have on a daily basis at school are always very complimentary about children's behaviour and attitudes to learning.

Talent - over the last few weeks groups of children have been performing on three separate occasions at the Weston Playhouse. Children and staff have worked incredibly hard to produce professional shows. The children were a credit to their community.

Sports –this year pupils have had many opportunities to take part in a huge range of sports including ice skating, laser quest, tag rugby, archery, cross country, swimming and curling. We remain undefeated in the North Somerset Boys football and really are the school to beat in many sports.

Run a Mile is a very popular daily event at Locking School. Last year we ran "virtually" to Sri Lanka to meet our friends – 5500 miles. This year we are aiming to run as far as Melbourne to meet an ex member of staff who is currently travelling – 10600 miles. To date we have already completed 4600 miles (running through India) and have our sights firmly set on Australia!

Academy – Locking School became an Academy at the start of this academic year. We are currently working alongside eight other local Primary Schools to enrich and extend Pupils education. We are really looking forward to developing closer working relationships and opportunities for pupils, staff and parents.

Internationalism – sponsored by the British Council, two members of staff recently returned from an educational visit to our link school in Sri Lanka. Locking School has maintained a link

with Mahanaga Maha College for 10 years, working together to support global goals such as diversity and sustainability. We are looking forward to a reciprocal visit in December from teachers within the college and also a visit from 3 ministers of education who are very interested in our successful link.

Challenges Locking School faces are around the safety concerns of our local community as they cross the very busy A371. With the crossing changing, new school building site being created and possibly additional traffic using the A371 as new roads open, we continue to be concerned for the safety of the whole school community. In response children have been taking part in additional road safety and bikeability training giving them as many additional safety skills as possible. Locking School has been proactive in making our concerns heard in the Local Authority and hope to continue working with Local Authority members to make the necessary changes as safe as possible from the perspective of a busy Primary School.

The Ark Pre-School

A report was received as follows: -

We continue to grow slowly and steadily. There are two key elements that set us apart from other Preschools.

1, The wonderful Wonder garden, (set up in "The Green") which includes a sensory plant area for the children to discover and helps to support children with additional needs.

2, Our thriving Allotment, The Children revel in the experience of planting, growing and eating their own fruit and vegetables. It would be no surprise if the Allotment produced the next Alan Titchmarsh or Carrol Klein.

In addition to this our team does a sterling job of developing the Children's minds, bodies and souls, through rich play, learning and social interaction.

In closing, we would like to pass on our thanks to the Parish Council for giving us the opportunity to develop both the Wonder Garden and the allotment.

St Augustine's Church

Report from St Augustine's Church Locking 2018

St Augustine's has had a good year and is in good health. We continue to be a loving family with many committed people serving the church and the community. This year we have become much more out-ward looking and we are wanting this to grow and develop this coming year.

We continue to work well together with Hutton Church – pew sheet, Maundy Thursday supper, harvest supper, marriage prep, LPA/pastoral team, healing prayer team, joint PCC socials, women's fellowship, joint services, Messy Church, leadership team, homegroup leaders, memorial service, prayer cascade and chain, men's breakfast, ladies' supper, church weekend away. Some people worship at both churches.

We have seen new people coming along and have seen real growth at our Celebration Sunday on a 4th Sunday in the church centre. The informal café style worship makes it very accessible to families and children. Our older members also enjoy it.

In the community we have good links with ARK pre-school – I go in every week; they visit church and church members meet with the leaders also. We have a good relationship with the uniformed groups and they attend parade services 4 times a year – the Remembrance Service is always packed out.

This year we have employed Ben Notley as our children's worker and he has started an after-school club in the school. He will also be leading a holiday club on 13th – 17th August in the church centre.

The church also holds a monthly lunch club in the Coach House which is well attended. We also have a weekly craft group that attracts people from the community. Men from the parish also attend the Men's Breakfasts.

It has been wonderful to see the church becoming more open and outward looking to the community. Open church has brought in people who have never entered the building, refreshments are served on Thursday afternoons (lovely cakes!), the wedding dress display was wonderful, the display on the parish and RAF is very good also. The highlight of the year was the event on Locking Parklands and was a real team effort and community event. Also, this year shops and businesses in the parish have been taken flowers or cakes to say thank you for their service to the community. Crosslinks is working on being more community focused with features on local shops, the school etc. It's a good start and this year we plan to hold an afternoon tea for the residents of Fairacre Close on 15th September.

We are hoping that work on the tower and the bells will begin soon. We failed to obtain a Heritage Lottery grant but are re-applying for a lesser amount this time. Look in the magazine for fund –raising events.

This year has been very encouraging with new ideas and ways of serving the community and growing the church.

Revd Anne Wilkins – Rector of Hutton and Locking

April 2018

1ST Locking Scout Group

Scout Leader Gareth Coombes gave a report as follows:

What a year the group has had from numbers up by 25 some amazing camps and now having the field for all to use for outside play that the scout's way.

From fire lighting to building bird box's and growing flowers.

Over the next year the group has plans to camp on flat Holm with the scouts, try new activities with a few new badges.

As a group we are all on the lookout for new adults for helping in groups to be on are committee.

See you all soon

Gareth Coombes

Group scout leader

5. Locking Parish Council

Chairman's report –

A report was received from Chairman Mr Mike Cooper.

Since the 2017 Annual Parish Assembly Cllr Bearsby has stepped down as Chair of Locking Parish Council (LPC), on behalf of the Council, thank you for your time as Chairman. In April 2017 the council co-opted Cllr Paul Jones; however, there is still 1 vacancy on the council. Being a councillor enables one to serve the community. Planning, Highways, Community Safety, Street lighting, Allotments, and Community centres are some of the issues your council deal with. Please speak to our Clerk after this meeting if you are interested in becoming a Councillor.

Locking Parklands continue to expand with more dwellings occupied, however there is not yet a start date for the building of the N/S Link road. The construction of the temporary Primary School has commenced and will open in September 2018. Educate Together still plan to open the permanent school in September 2018.

An outline planning application (Previous application was rejected) has been submitted by Gladman Developments Ltd to build many houses on the former Elm Grove Nursery after listening to concerns of parishioners LPC lodged another objection. Your Council attended the Public Inquiry which commenced on the 24th April considering the appeal regarding the planning application at Laney's Drove. The inquiry was informed that the building of 115 dwellings in the green buffer between Locking Village and Oaktree Park is unacceptable; however, had no objections to the development of the current industrial site.

During the year some of the street lights owned by LPC have been upgraded with LED fittings, the second phase is scheduled for later this year. The lights in the main hall have been replaced and the rest of the hall will be completed this year. In the well used park, a new piece of play equipment was installed.

There are now 3 community centres available for use within the Parish of Locking; they are the Parish Hall, St Augustine's Church centre and the Radio Wing at Locking Parklands.

Running Locking Parish Council is all about team work, and could not function without Councillors, our Clerk, Orderly and staff.

6) Estates Committee – No report given

Hall & Park Committee – No report given.

Un-audited accounts for Financial Year 2017/18 – the un-audited accounts for the Financial Year 2017/18 were presented and agreed subject to audit.

Estimates for Financial Year 2018/19 – the estimates for 2018/19 were accepted.

Elector’s Participation

A member of the public gave a report on the coastal path which will be extended from WSM to Portishead and will open next year.

Planning application for house building at Laney’s Drove was discussed. Residents asked for support from Cllrs in their objection to this application.

It was also stated that 90% of people living in Locking were not aware of planning and the implications of an exploding village.

A request for a leaflet drop in the Village should take place in order that residents are made aware of all planning applications which affect the Parish.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting – 7:35pm

Signed
Chairman

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