

Annual Parish Meeting

Chairman's Report 20th April 2017

I would like to thank all Kilve Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk for their time and commitment over the past year, enabling our business to be carried out efficiently and our meetings to be conducted in an informal and friendly way.

Cllr Barry Whitehead keeps up to date with developments involving drilling for shale oil / fracking in our area. This also involves a loose partnership with Holford Parish Council.

Cllr Elizabeth Grigg deals with all matters relating to the defibrillator, including organising training courses for parishioners. She is also out Village Hall representative.

Cllr Adam Gorman manages Kilve Village web site, which now looks very professional.

Cllr Peter Gill is our representative on the Watchet, Williton and Quantock Area Panel.

Some of the more relevant items of business arising in 2016/2017, which are not in any particular order:

- 1) The PC has continued its financial support for the Village Hall with a contribution towards refurbishment of the toilets. I would like to thank the Village Hall committee for continuing to keep our village hall up and running.
- 2) 'Kilve traffic management scheme' has been a plan rather than a reality for the last two years. The latest from Martyn Evans (SCC) is that because the project is weather dependant April 2017 is the latest date for implementation.
- 3) Faster broadband has finally arrived but is not, at present, a fibre to the home service so we are still constrained by our old telephone cables. This may situation may change in the future.
- 4) The Pub. Great news that the Hood Arms has been bought by two couples, Paul and Tracy Cuff and Paul and Liz Spence. The pub was left in a bad way by the previous owner so lots of renovation has taken place over the last few months. Well done to the new owners and I can say on behalf of the whole village that we look forward to opening time.
- 5) We have lost our no.14 bus service but gained a restricted service to Minehead and Bridgwater courtesy of EDF. This service is free. Also there is a Sainsbury's "Shopper" Bus on a Thursday which again is free and the KHARS Scheme.
- 6) Sandbags. There is now a quantity of sandbags stored in Kilve Court for emergency use by parishioners in the event of flooding.

- 7) Kilve and Holford Parish Councils are working together to provide information concerning 'fracking' for parishioners. We have already had a public meeting at Holford with a presentation by a leading academic on the technicalities of the fracking process.
- 8) Kilve PC finances are relatively healthy so the precept will remain unchanged for 2017/2018.

Once again we extend our thanks to Cllrs Hugh Davies, Sue Goss and Chris Morgan for the useful advice and information that they provide.

Also we would like to thank Tracy Gorman for her continued involvement with the neighbourhood watch scheme, our representatives on the Hinkley 'A/B' stakeholders group and the Hinkley 'C' community forum, Terry Williams and Mike Dixon respectively and Brian at Kilve Court who mows the permissive footpath.

Alan Keen

Chairman, Kilve Parish Council

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