

Notes from Willersey Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council has again been able to hold the precept for 2018/19 at £10,000 for the sixth year running.

Lyndon Stowe County Councillor reported the following points from Cotswold County Council:

CDC was nearing the full adoption of the Local Plan which was strong. It was already carrying weight and refusals on planning applications were now taking place. Every 5 years the plan will be reviewed, but the next 10 years should see a strong position to refuse planning applications. A 20 year plan was now in place in Willersey. However, Terrify is within the local plan and an application was expected to be put in to develop the industrial site and add more housing. LS stated that there was always a chance that this could be overturned.

Two grants had been provided by CDC one for the WW1 memorial bench to be sited on Sawpit Green. Also one to fund the play days in the summer. County council tax increase would be 4 1/2% due to the increased pressures and demands of adult social care and children in care.

In the next five years £150 million was due to be spent on highways. Gritting lorries did twice as many runs this winter than usual. Pothole repairs are a high priority and Cllr Stowe encouraged the public to report all pot holes as there is no other way of gathering this information. Gloucestershire highways are entirely reliant on the public reporting pot holes to them.

Broadband is now accessible in Willersey, other villages are not so lucky. The £40 Million investment in NHS hospitals in the region resulted in better performances. The response time for ambulances had now improved. Fire and Rescue in the Campden and Gloucester areas reported less than 300 incidents of house fires, however, arson attacks accounted for 400 fires. Cllr Stowe urged OAPs and vulnerable people to ask the fire and rescue services for a health check on their homes they are very happy to do this to keep folks safe.

Any Questions for Cllr Stowe

Q Would CDC consider using plastic fillers for potholes in the future?

A. Yes CDC had looked at this and they will be trying it in the future. They have repaired 80,000 potholes this year and resurfacing, priority was given to 4inch holes being filled.

Q. The traffic calming in Collin Lane was very dangerous drivers can't see round the bend in the road.

A. He agreed and said he had sympathy for this point of view, audits to gauge the success of the traffic calming will be carried out shortly but it remained a difficult situation. It was suggested that cutting back the hedges and Cllr Stowe agreed.

Q. Could the kerb at the entrance to Frampton Drive be dropped?

A. Cllr Stowe said he would look into that

Accounts for the Year Ending 31.3.17

Dr LS said that the accounts had been duly audited without any adverse observation and were available for inspection and any questions would be taken back to the Parish Council. There were no questions. Canon Burch proposed that the accounts be adopted and this was unanimously agreed.

Reports from the local organisations were read out:

Community Award Presentation

Canon A E Harvey (posthumously) was acknowledged with the award for his work in in the village. The chairman read out a response from his delighted family.

A vote of thanks was given by P Bennett and endorsed by Dr L Stranks for the retiring clerk Mrs Cathy Twigger, and a vote of thanks was also given by Mrs J Bond on behalf of the village to Cllr L Stowe.