

Notes of the Meeting

Present

Parish Councillors Dr M Calhaem, A Elkin, R Hocknell, M Ingram, S Nicholls, R Wearing.
Apologies Parish Councillors R Webb and J Davis
County Councillor I Parry
Acting District Councillor A Harp

Chairmans Report for Milwich with Fradswell Parish Council 2010 - 2011

Presented by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Ingram.

The sudden death of Doug Davis, the Borough Councillor for Milwich Ward was a great loss to the community for which he tirelessly served so well since his election in 1994.

With respect to the Parish Council there was a full compliment of Member Councillors throughout the year without any individual changes. The overall attendance of Member Councillors at the twelve meetings was 68%.

Of the twelve Parish Council meetings during the year four were held in Milwich Village Hall, three at Fradswell Village Hall and five at Green Lea School.

Parishioners attended the majority of the meetings.

The County Councillor Ian Parry continued to represent Stone Rural Division.

Councillor Parry and before his death, Councillor Davis, had a significant involvement in discussions regarding Green Lea School and Milwich Village Hall also advising and steering grant stream funding for Milwich Village Hall.

During the year :-

The Milwich Parish Plan was published. It received very favourable comment from a variety of sources on its content and presentation. Six Working Groups were set up, each chaired by a Parish Councillor. Their work is still ongoing.

The consultation process with the Borough Council on its Local Development Framework document continued with changes in principle due to the disbanding of the Regional target building requirements and the pending introduction of the Localism Bill with its Neighbourhood Plans.

Brick Kiln Pits The fishing lease arrangements with Izaak Walton (Stafford) Anglers Association continued. The Parish Council thanks Peter Hulme who again cut the boundary hedge free of charge.

Dialogue with other authorities continued throughout the year with the County Council, Borough Council and Staffordshire Police.

For the County Council the main ongoing issues were :-

Traffic survey on the B5027 either side of the Green Man in Milwich. This was completed but it would seem that in their opinion there was no justification for a traffic calming scheme.

Traffic calming and pedestrian safety around the Green Man / Village Hall junction in Milwich is still considered to be a priority within Milwich.

The classification of Sandon Lane was again a much debated issue but at present no action is being taken by the County Council.

The drainage problem on the B5027 at the Green Man will hopefully be corrected in the near future.

The CLARENCE system of reporting all highway defects is still in operation and generally appears to work well. Being dominated by potholes for the second Winter. The work of the Neighbourhood Highway Teams was curtailed due to continuing pothole repair.

Through the Borough Council the Civic Amenity Visits continued with three visits to Milwich during the year plus the Streetscene operation continued dealing with litter picking and clearing up after fly tipping.

Consultations on Planning Applications dealt with by the Borough Council as the Planning Authority for the area continued :-

There were 5 applications for Milwich (11 last year) and 6 for Fradswell (3 last year) Most applications were approved. There were three refusals.

Agriculture Related	1	Milwich
Garage	2	Fradswell
Access	1	Fradswell
Shed / Stable	2	Milwich
Sun Lounge / Swimming Pool	1	Milwich
LPG Tank	1	Fradswell
Curtilage Boundary	1	Fradswell
Change of Use Agric to Landscape	1	Milwich
Replacement Windows	1	Fradswell

Staffordshire Police, Police Community Support Officer, Neil Williams attended a Parish Council meeting and together with Police Officers, they attended a Milwich Coffee Morning session.

Financial Support was provided for Milwich Village Hall, Fradswell Village Hall, Compass Magazine Milwich Youth Club, Fradswell & Milwich Playgroup and Milwich Toddler Group, Oak Tree Farm.

2 Statement of Parish Council's Accounts for Year Ended 31st March 2011

Presented by the Clerk. No questions raised.

3 Council's Observations on its Financies for the Year Ending 31st March 2012

Presented by the Clerk. No questions raised.

4 Accounts of Milwich Parochial Charities

Presented by the Clerk. No questions raised.

5 To receive the observations of the County Councillor for Stone Rural Division

No report available

- 6 To consider Resolutions of which written notice has been given**
None
- 7 To deal with any other business raised by Parishioners**
None

The meeting ended at 7.45pm