

Notes of the Meeting**Present**

Parish Councillors Councillors - M Baggaley, F Cameron, A Elkin, R Hocknell, H Walters.
District Councillor Councillor A Harp

Notes for Chairman's Report for Milwich with Fradswell Parish Council 2016 - 2017

The Parish Council has nine Member Councillors, seven representing Milwich and two representing Fradswell.

The untimely death of Mark Ingram came as shock to everyone, Mark represented Fradswell for a number of years including several years as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Fergus Cameron was co-opted as a Councillor for Fradswell, this being the only change in Council Members during the year.

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

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

District Councillor Andrew Harp and Councillor Frances Beatty now represent the enlarged Milwich Ward.

During the year :-

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. Several Milwich parishioners requested permits to fish at the Pool.

Both parishes were involved in the "Clean for the Queen" litter picking initiative which was repeated again this year.

BT are proposing to remove the Telephone Box at the Village Hall in Milwich.

Donations to Milwich Play Area Fund totalling £2,456.75 had been received from, Milwich Music Festival, Milwich W.I., Milwich Action Committee and through donations from the "Party in the Park" event.

Financial Support was provided for Milwich Village Hall, Fradswell Village Hall (Childrens' Gardening Club), Compass Magazine, Midlands Air Ambulance, Stone First Responders, Oak Tree Farm Rural Project and Macmillan Cancer Support.

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

County Council -

Ongoing issues associated with roads around the parishes :-

The state of the roads with blocked grids being the main issue followed by potholes and lack of ditch maintenance. Particularly Garshall Green Lane, Spon Drumble Lane, Wallbrook Lane, plus the ongoing discussion about Sandon Lane, the Cromer Hill section in particular.

The Neighbourhood Highway Team visited the parishes for one day last year, this facility has now been withdrawn altogether by the County Council.

Street Lighting - Night Time Switching initiative. Revised proposals from the County Council were agreed for Milwich and Fradswell.

The Mobile Library service to Milwich and Fradswell continued following a review of services.

Borough Council -

Discussions were held with the Borough regarding the possibility of a Community Asset Transfer from the Borough to the Parish Council of Milwich Play Area. The Borough are at present considering this proposal, the alternative being a long term lease. Either option could enable the Parish Council to apply for grants to refurbish the Play Area.

The debate continued in the parishes about the merits or otherwise of embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan. The discussion continues.

The Civic Amenity Visits continued with three visits to Milwich during the year, this year there will only be two visits due to the increased charges, 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 8 applications for Milwich (9 last year) and 4 for Fradswell (5 last year)

Domestic Curtilage extension and Change of Use of Buildings (Milwich)
Sun Room (Milwich)
Conversion of outbuilding to Garage and Stables (Milwich)
Garage (Milwich)
Fradswell Village Hall Landscaping & Sensory Garden - 2. (Fradswell)
Agricultural Building to Dwelling (Milwich)
Demolition of Holiday Let Units to 2 Dwellings (Milwich)
Agricultural Buildings to 2 Dwellings (Fradswell)
Agricultural Buildings - Change of Use - 5 Dwellings (Fradswell)
Agricultural Domestic Dwelling (Milwich)
Dwelling (Milwich)

2 Statement of the Parish Council's Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2017

Presented by the Clerk. No questions raised.

3 Council's Observations on its Finances for the Year Ending 31st March 2018

Presented by the Clerk. No questions raised.

4 To receive Accounts of Milwich Parochial Charities

Presented by the Clerk. Work still has to be done in historic sorting of the charities in relation to the Trustees, with capital invested in the COIF Charity or held in the National Westminster Bank, Stone Branch.

The Parish Council were the Trustees of the Thomas Moorcroft Charity, £60 being distributed to:

Three Milwich parishioners Capital invested with COIF.

Other Charities. William Hurbott's Charity - coupled with the Thomas Moorcroft Charity.

Charity of Ralph Bailey Capital of £1,711.09 with the National Westminster Bank.

Ralph Bourne's Charity. Administered by Hilderstone Parish.

John Bourne's Charity. Capital of £132.53 with National Westminster Bank.

John & Prudence Crompton's Charity. Capital £5.92 with National Westminster Bank.

John George's & Mathew Phillips's Charity.

5 To Receive the Observations of the County Councillor for Stone Rural Division

Councillor Parry raised issues including the following:- Not present, no report submitted.

6 To Receive the Observations of the District Councillor for Milwich Ward

No specific to report that had not been presented at Parish Council meetings throughout the year.

7 To consider Resolutions of which written notice has been given.

None

8 To deal with any other business raised by Parishioners.

None