

MINUTES OF ENGLEFIELD PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at Englefield Tea Rooms

Present:

Cllr E. Crookes (Chairman)
Cllr M. Postles
Cllr R. Smith
Cllr S. Strang

In attendance:

N. Rands (Clerk)
Sergeant Daniel Lond

Also present: Fifteen members of the public

1. Welcome by Chairman of Englefield Parish Council

2. Minutes*

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 23rd May 2018 were approved and signed as a true record

3. Thames Valley Police

Sergeant Lond gave a report covering the following main areas:

- The neighbourhood policing team currently has 3 PCs and 3 PCSOs, there will be a further three PCSOs due to join between October 2019 and January 2020.
- Pangbourne Police Station will be relocating to the new site at Wigmore Lane, Theale. The project is due to complete in approximately a year's time.
- Response policing will continue to be served from Newbury.
- Reported crimes in the previous year were of similar numbers to the previous year.
- Inspectors have received retraining on powers in relation to unauthorised encampments.
- The neighbourhood policing team can be reached at:
PangbourneNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
- Any non-urgent crime can be reported on the Thames Valley Police website at:
<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/>
- New facebook page: tpwestberks

Sergeant Lond confirmed that he would encourage the neighbourhood policing team to visit the weekly coffee morning periodically as this is reassuring for residents.

4. Chairman's Report

Cllr Crookes gave a report summarising key activity for the past year, covering the following main areas:

- Thanked all for attending and the public who have attended meetings throughout the year
- Thanked fellow Councillors for their efforts and participation in the many decisions made
- Terry Perkins departure in September 2018
- Welcomed Richard Smith in late 2018
- New Parish Clerk joined June 2018
- Training and skills courses
- Traveller liaison meeting
- Planning applications
- Concert licences
- Highways – potholes, Gigaclear, school parking, Theale Primary School
- Insurances – flower show and general
- Finances – regulations, risk assessments, annual returns, audit
- Local Council Elections
- Parish News and Website - www.inglefieldpc.org.uk/
- GDPR measures in place
- World War One – A Nation’s Tribute – 11th November 2018
- Thanked Laura and Andy Allen for use of Tea Room for both the Assembly, and recent elections.

5. Clerk’s Report

Nia Rands gave a report on the activities and business of the Parish Clerk during 2018/19 - Copy attached for information

6. Englefield Estate Update

Estate Director, Edward Crookes, gave a report covering the following main areas:

- Careful use of water – private water supply; licensed limit; reliant on single water source
- Rural policy – Brexit; Agriculture & Environment Policies
- Environmental focus – Natural Capital Audits to take place across Estate
- Filming and Events
- The Green, Theale – Housing planning application submitted
- Cobbs Farm Shop
- Health & Safety – do let the Estate know if notice something unsafe
- The Club –
 - Good response to survey in January
 - Website with opportunity to provide feedback on proposals – inglefieldvillage.co.uk
 - Parking proposal being worked on – will be shared as soon as possible
 - Organisation and management – seeking volunteers
 - Flexible use is key
- Can sign up to receive Estate News by emailing Estate Office

7. Open Public Forum

The following points were raised by members of the public in attendance:

- a) Dust in areas surrounding the exercise track
- b) New houses – Theale Medical Centre capacity

The Council responded by explaining the Community Infrastructure Levy is paid to the local authority by the developer, this is used to fund community infrastructure.

c) Rabbit problem

d) Permitted walking routes

Action – Map with public rights of way to be displayed on Parish notice boards and to village shop