

Chairman's Report – Annual Parish Assembly, 8 May 2013

- Key highlights of past year:
 - Successful opposition to proposed Air Balloon traffic flow trials. Participation in CDC Monitoring Group on air pollution. Pressing for compulsory purchase of cottages. Recommending working group of interested parties to research solutions from local residents. Summary plan showing other solutions but preferred is tunnel.
 - Retirement of David Carlton after 5 years sterling service – Welcome new Clerk. Statement ref Chair/Vice Chair 2012/3 and 2013/4
- Major planning issues:
 - Hartley Lane traveller site
 - Ham Mead (The PC maintains its concern about continued over development of this site and the harm and detrimental impact on the Cotswold AONB)
 - Meeting with Head of Planning on policy issues (to understand criteria and better focus responses on applications; trigger words; Parish Design Statement)
 - All planning application consultations now posted on boards & to e-mail list
- Other planning applications: Coberley Court (alterations + tennis court), National Star College (camping pods), Cotswold Lion Brewery.
- Review of Parish roads with GCC Highways (See under Community Safety)
- Coberley Village parking survey (Possible areas & costs identified. All responses to survey unanimous not wanting to pay. 'Village' responsibility. Solution = reason & respect)
- Statement on finances for 2012/3 – ended year under budget
- Councillors complied with Declarations of Interest and Register of Members under 2011 Localism Act new code of conduct.
- Seven Springs outstanding action to place visitor information plaque acknowledging sponsors.
- Winter provisioning: Snow Warden – David Carlton. Ordering stocks and placements of bins for 2013/14 winter + back-up stocks. DC uses mechanical grit dispenser. Plea for sparing use of grit from bins by public and school, as stocks will not be replenished by Highways once depleted. Also not for private use.
- Parish Emergency Plan: Simplified plan to address likely emergencies to arise (storm damage, snow etc) in conjunction with CDC and GCC (Fire Service Lead). Letter to parishioners seeking volunteers/skills to be called on.
- CDC Community Governance Review: Requested review of narrow strip on southern edge of Parish between Lower Cockleford and Park Farm (between Parish boundary in south and A435) may be better placed in the Parish of Cowley. Seeking clarification with CDC on small discrepancies between the electoral roll and the Parish boundary
- Electronic Communication & Parish IT: encourage join e-mail list for faster communications. Use of website. Broadband survey (2Mb min by 2015? Survey to research parish speeds – vary by supplier & location; Advise shop round for best service)