

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
OF THE PARISH OF WRAYSBURY  
HELD IN WRAYSBURY VILLAGE HALL  
ON 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2014**

**1. Present**

Councillor A. Davies, Chairman of the Parish Council, in the Chair. The Clerk and thirteen Registered Electors of the Parish.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Martin, M. Smith and M Williams.

**3. Healthwatch Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead**

Although not on the published agenda, the Chairman welcomed to the meeting Sophie Bird from Healthwatch.

Healthwatch WAM was a new body, and was the independent consumer champion for Health and Social Care in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. It hoped that it would empower all residents to contribute to improving the quality of health and social care services. It would listen to residents' experiences of using local services, inform health and social care providers about how people feel about their services, and, when needed, call for positive change.

Healthwatch WAM could be contacted in a number of ways. Castle Hill House, Castle Hill, Windsor, SL4 1PD. 01753 851725. [www.healthwatchwam.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchwam.co.uk)

In the ensuing discussion, the following comments were made:

- Residents could become signed up members of Healthwatch. There was a bi-monthly newsletter, tea and coffee mornings, and volunteers were needed for larger projects.
- The absence of a Doctors' surgery was of greatest concern to Wraysbury residents. Datchet was a long way for elderly or infirm residents. A promise of a surgery nearly ten years ago had never materialised. An additional problem was the difficulty in booking to see a GP.
- Ms Bird responded by stating that it was a common problem. She informed the meeting of an ongoing project to collect evidence and hand it over to the Care Quality Commission to action.
- The promised taxi service, to transport people to and from the Datchet surgery, never properly materialised.
- Datchet and Wraysbury both had growing populations and therefore needed more health services.
- Some areas of concern could be reported to the new Clinical Commissioning Group (the CCG had commissioning and purchasing powers locally). There was an obligation for the CCG to act on any recommendations made by Healthwatch WAM.

- The current management structure of the Datchet Surgery did not want to have a satellite surgery in Wraysbury. Wraysbury had proposed a shared building use arrangement, at low cost to the Surgery, but this was declined.
- A petition of the village was discussed. Ms Bird responded that a petition could be well-received, as would a collection of evidence of the current problems faced by residents, and the history of actions previously taken to try to encourage improved services within the village. There had to be proof that service needs were being neglected, and that health was being adversely affected.

All present joined the Chairman in thanking Ms Bird for her attendance at the meeting.

**4. Minutes of the Parish Meetings on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013, 11 November 2013 and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

The minutes of the meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were circulated at the meeting. They were agreed as a correct record, and signed accordingly.

**5. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

(Copy attached to the file copy of these minutes)

The Chairman reported on the following:

- Flooding
- Aviation and Heathrow Airport Expansion
- Development of the Horton and Wraysbury Neighbourhood Plan
- The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Plan
- Magna Carta Celebration Plans
- Neighbourhood Action Group
- Casual Vacancies on the Parish Council
- Colne Valley Park Community Interest Company
- Wraysbury Lakes
- Parish Administration and Appointment of the new Clerk
- Finance

**6. Production of the Annual Accounts of Wraysbury Parish Council 2012/13**

The audited accounts were made available for inspection by those present.

**7. Production of Audited Accounts of Wraysbury Parochial Charities for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013**

A set of accounts were made available for public inspection. It was noted that they had not yet been audited.

**8. Questions from the Public**

The following matters/questions were raised by local electors:

- It was noted that the Annual Parish Walk would be run by Cllr Mrs Hughes.
- Wraysbury Station Bridge remained a danger for residents, as there was no footpath. The Chairman reminded residents of the prohibitive cost, which had been estimated at £100,000. It was suggested that the matter could be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting.
- In relation to flooding it was suggested that the free flow points of the Thames needed improvement. The flood banks needed to be re-instated/improved. Consideration should be given to a petition to urge the Environment Agency not to use the Jubilee River at 100% capacity. Some of the water should be held in Windsor and Maidenhead. The Borough should contribute to the River Thames Scheme. The Parish Council should do more to remind residents of their own obligations. The EA needed to do more to advise some residents of the dangers of groundwater flooding. A number of residents had been invited to 10 Downing Street, where they had the opportunity to speak directly to the Prime Minister.
- The use of the village car park by non-shoppers was discussed.
- An elector urged the Borough's planning teams to treat flood victims' planning matters a little more expeditiously.
- Although he was not a local elector, the Chairman permitted a comment from a non-resident, who suggested that Churchmead School was going to be closed and sold for housing development. The Chairman stated that he had not been informed of any such proposal and said he would look into the matter.

**9. Meeting**

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked all present for their attendance.

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