



## Compton and Shawford Parish Council

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### **Record of the Annual Parish Meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 21 April 2016, Shawford Parish Hall**

**Present:** Councillors M Southgate (chairman), A Cordery, M Goulding, N Sadler, U Stevens, M Townell, A Walmsley, M Wilkinson and Mr D Drake (Clerk).

**In attendance:** PCSO Wilkinson (until 7.45), County Councillor P Bailey, District Councillor J Warwick and 19 members of the public.

**Apologies for absence:** Nil

#### **Introduction**

1. The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that it was taking place on HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. On behalf of the community he wished her a very happy birthday. Once the meeting had been concluded, he invited all present to enjoy a slice of the birthday cake that had been baked in her honour by Councillor Naomi Sadler.

#### **Police Report**

2. PCSO Wilkinson reported that there had been 60 incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour reported to the police in the past year. (This was a reduction of 19 from the figure for the previous year of 79). The incidents included 11 burglaries, of which 5 were non-dwelling, 10 incidents of theft and 14 of anti-social behaviour/noise nuisance.

3. PCSO Wilkinson noted that, within the district, there had been a number of thefts from sheds/outbuildings. She advised parishioners to be vigilant and to ensure that such buildings were kept securely locked.

#### **Review of the Year**

4. The chairman spoke to his report (Annex A). He emphasised that parish councillors were volunteers and that they had provided him with excellent support over the past year. Councillor Jeffrey had resigned in February and Councillors Cordery and Walmsley had decided not to put their names forward for the council election in May. He thanked them for their hard work on behalf of the parish and noted that Councillor Walmsley was retiring after 24 years of service on the Parish Council, of which seven had been as chairman. Councillor Walmsley had recently updated the parish web site, which was much admired, not only by parishioners, but other councils around the country.

5. The chairman welcomed Bob Jordan to the council and advised that it would hold its first meeting on 10 May 2016. Since there had only been seven candidates for the nine positions on the council, he hoped that two volunteers would come forward to fill them.

## **Finance and Administration**

6. The chairman noted that the annual budget request, submitted to the City Council, had remained fixed for the seventh consecutive year. The council's account for the last financial year had shown a small surplus, thanks to careful management and success in obtaining grants, particularly from Winchester City Council. (A summary of the council's accounts can be found at Annex B.)

## **Open Session**

7. Since Councillor Southgate would not be standing in the forthcoming City Council election, District Councillor Jan Warwick thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the ward of Compton and Otterbourne over the past four years.

Bob Jordan wondered whether the council would be organising a 'litter picking' exercise in the near future. The chairman noted that several parishioners were voluntarily undertaking such work, for which the council was extremely grateful. Councillor Sadler indicated that the Scouts would be deployed on such activity on 26 April. The chairman agreed to place 'litter picking' on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Mark Hegan briefed the meeting on the Shawford Village Residents' Association's efforts to reduce the problem of commuter parking in Shawford village. Recent meetings with Steve Brine MP and representatives of Walcon had been positive. Steve Brine had also received assurances that both companies intending to bid for the south west rail franchise will continue to provide services from Shawford. He was very grateful for the support of both the Parish and City Councils and for their efforts to reduce the problem of parking along Shawford Road. The chairman noted that the 'knock on' effect of implementing the traffic restrictions in Shawford Road had been to cause parking problems in the neighbouring parish of Twyford. Plans to alleviate these problems were now being considered by the City Council.

Mark Jenkins thanked the council for its continuing support to the Sports Club. He was concerned about the number of commercial dog walkers that were exercising dogs on the sports field. There had been a notable increase in the amount of 'dog poo' that had to be removed before play could be commenced. With this problem in mind, a request was made for dogs not to be allowed within the children's play areas.

There being no further business, the chairman brought the meeting to a close and invited everyone to join him for tea, biscuits and a slice of birthday cake.

David Drake  
Clerk