

# Spelsbury Annual Parish Meeting

MINUTES 2019 APM DRAFT

MAY 13, 2019

7.30 PM

SPELSBURY MEMORIAL HALL

## ATTENDEES

Rick Leyland (Chairman – Spelsbury Parish Council), Anne Ogilvie (Clerk,- Spelsbury Parish Council), 3 residents, Cllr Liz Leffman (OCC), Cllr Neil Owen (WODC)

### 1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman of the Parish Council

Rick Leyland, Chairman of Spelsbury Parish Council, opened the meeting.

### 2. Approval of minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting, May 2018, were approved and signed.

### 3. Report from OCC – Councillor Liz Leffman

Cllr Leffman reported that there had been changes within OCC over the last twelve months.

Cherwell District Council has now been included within the County Council remit, following Northamptonshire County Council's bankruptcy problems. Some savings have been made, mostly benefitting Cherwell. Some service officer roles are now spread across the two councils, for example, Environmental Health and Trading Standards. The Chief Executive and direct reports cover both bodies. OCC hopes to demonstrate that this is a positive working model for councils.

There has been an increase of money for road repairs. The Spelsbury to Chadlington Road is going to be resurfaced in two tranches this financial year. There is a plan to divert the spring in Taston which has caused ice problems. This will involve a road closure, probably over this summer.

Cllr Leffman has used her Councillor Priority Fund to put much needed money into the local community: the baby and toddler group at Charlbury Community Centre, a first aid course at Charlbury Community Centre, lines for a netball court in Finstock School, blackout blinds for Milton-under-Wychwood's village hall, Wychwood's bus service. Cllr Leffman would like to know if anyone has any projects which need help from the Priority Fund.

### 4. Report from WODC – Councillor Neil Owen

Cllr Owen remarked that the setting of the budget was the culmination of the year. The Local Plan is now in place. Waste and recycling collection costs have been higher than was planned. Savings have been made through shared services, with other District Councils. The Council Tax is one of the lowest in the country. Grants have not been cut, and are available to be accessed.

The idea that the AONB could become a National Park is still active. There is concern from WODC that the Council will lose some control over planning matters. Cllr Owen will be joining the Uplands Planning Committee.

Cllr Owen thanked the PC for the work it does for the local community, and for making him feel welcome at meetings.

### 5. Report from the Chairman of Spelsbury Parish Council

Cllr Rick Leyland thanked Neil and Liz for attending the meeting, and for their support over the last year.

He thanked the Council for their work over the past year. The parish now has a dog waste bin in Taston. The Council has built up its reserves over the year, and came in under budget.

The Council has suffered the loss of another Councillor, so there are now four Councillors, rather than six. He noted that this issue needs to be addressed, but nobody has expressed an interest in joining the council. He stated that he will be standing down as Chairman.

He thanked the Clerk for their work over the year, and their support in his role as Chairman.

Signed

(Chairman)

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### 6. Report from Thames Valley Police

PC 5307 Rob Webb was not able to attend the meeting, but sent in the following report:

Report compiled – 08 May 2019

Crime figures for May 2018 to May 2019

Theft from motor vehicle – 2

Burglary non-dwelling (shed) – 1

Assault – 1

Criminal damage – 1

Crime related incidents (incidents where the police attended but no crime recorded) – 3

We cannot go into details about any of these offences as some are still ongoing investigations.

The Chipping Norton Neighbourhood Team currently consists of one Police Officer and two Police Community Support Officers. We cover not only Chipping Norton town and Charlbury but all the villages surrounding.

Chipping Norton Fire Station will be the new home for the neighbourhood police team currently based in Chipping Norton Police Station. This relocation offers the NHPT the invaluable chance to work closely with our partners in the fire service, enhancing the service we offer to our communities. We welcome the opportunity this move will provide to work in collaboration with our partners to offer a unique, cohesive service to our local residents and businesses. Response standards will continue to be met and there will be no interruption to the service we provide. The team will eventually consist of a Neighbourhood Officer and 4 PCSOs.

The current Local Policing Priorities are Domestic Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation, Dwelling Burglaries and the Exploitation of Persons for the supply of drugs. The first two are mainly “hidden crimes” which mean that they don’t come to the public attention as much as the more traditional crimes and this is where the police are concentrating their efforts in reducing the risk to vulnerable children and adults. Again we rely on information from a number of sources; schools, parents, youth clubs, general info from around the parish etc - so if you notice something that is out of the ordinary, or you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult, there are ways to report it to the police and the relevant agencies. Call 101 or report anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. You can also report crimes and incidents online via [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk).

We are making more use of the Thames Valley Alert system which is a great way that the police can communicate with the public as well as receive messages back. We can send out messages that are relevant only to Spelsbury and of interest to different community groups such as Shopwatch, Countrywatch, Pubwatch, Businesswatch etc. – there are many more categories that are on the system which allows us to send out Crime Alerts, Witness Appeals, Crime Prevention Advice and good news stories when they happen! We encourage people to sign up for this and they can do so at [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) or speak to one of our officers.

### 7. The meeting was close by the Chairman of Spelsbury Parish Council

The meeting was closed by Rick Lelyland at 8.10 pm.

Signed

(Chairman)

Date