

Tibberton Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a council meeting. It is a meeting of the Parish electors taking place between 1st March and 1st June. Electors can contribute to the Agenda and in practice is to celebrate local activities and debate current issues in the community. The Chairman of the Parish Council will chair the meeting, if not present, the Vice Chairman. All villagers are welcome to attend and contribute to the forum at the end of the meeting.

Report

10th May 2022 7.00pm at the Taynton & Tibberton Village Hall

The Four Village Choir open rehearsal session

The Chair thanked Fran and the choir for allowing us to join and watch your 'rehearsal in progress', we very enjoyed hearing the results of all your hard work.

Chair's report Cllr Hylary Kingham

There is no doubt that this is a lively village scene, with the likes of the choir, the village hall, the tennis club, the History Society to name just a few.

The purpose of this village annual meeting is to remind ourselves what has gone on the past year, and to share some ideas for how we might offer new experiences for the future – let your minds float free, unleash your creativity!

Firstly, it is customary for me, as Parish Chairman to report on the work of the Parish Council.

We have enjoyed being able to meet in person and have also been able to welcome Councillors Philip Robinson and Brian Robinson to join us on a number of occasions.

In addition to discussion of regular topics, such as looking after the communal areas in the village, examining planning permission requests, and trying to encourage dog-owners to deal adequately with dog mess, we have been discussing two major projects.

One is the land around the telephone box, and our desire to make this into a central feature of the village.

I must express our gratitude to David, our parish clerk, here – he has been most assiduous in his efforts try to establish the owners of the land in question, and with others encouraging BT to fulfil their obligation to keep the wire-link fence in good repair, and the surround vegetation in good trim. It turns out that they (or offshoot Communications companies) own the land, and we are now seeking permission from them to landscape and undertake regular maintenance of the whole area.

Meanwhile, the interior of the telephone box has been improved by the provision of a small bookcase to help the book exchange.

Our other major project has been the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign, to help to improve the observance of the speed-limit through the village. This has necessitated asking the Highways department to install new posts at suitable locations in the village; applying for funding to help us with the cost of the device; the training of volunteers; and finally to housing of equipment such as spare batteries, ladders and safety wear.

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One of the positive outcomes has been a long-term, mutually beneficial arrangement with the Tibberton Church Council, for use of the Parish Room to store the accessories, in exchange for our assistance with the upkeep of the graveyard.

The more noticeable amongst you may have observed that a VAS did in fact put in a fleeting visit! Unfortunately, it had a few faults, and we eventually decided it was not of sufficient quality for our needs. It was returned, without cost, and we are waiting for a different model, to arrive later this month. In the short time the previous one was undergoing test trials, we were able to see that speed through the village was moderated, and it was evidently helping to modify people's behaviour.

We hope to be able to plant some more trees opposite Orchard Rise, with the help of the Gloucester County Council's committee looking at Climate Change.

Report from the Tibberton and Taynton WI delivered by Sue Mould

T&T WI offered 12 monthly meetings for members and visitors on varied topics ranging from Hedgehog Rescue, making a willow obelisk for the garden, to how to use your scarf.

Additional activities, all open to the wider communities included making a Christmas wreath, a cream tea (all homemade of course) with a talk from a Sewing Bee judge, a trip to the theatre, Annual Visit to Clarks Village and a visit to the waste disposal unit at M5 junction 12.

We have knitted and donated hats for the maternity unit, continued the food bank collections in Tibberton and ensured all our members were made aware of the deceptive symptoms of ovarian cancer.

The funding for the Telephone box refurbishment was obtained via an application from the WI.

Catering for local events e.g. cakes for the opening of the Village Hall kitchen, a memorial service buffet and we have planned Jubilee celebrations with the School. We're also pleased to be resuming doing teas at Tibberton Show and are making a celebration cake for the Big Lunch.

On a wider scale, we support ACWW – Associated Countrywomen of the World, with a regular donation and recently collected more than £150 to help Ukrainian people.

Members have benefitted from Gloucestershire Federation events such as croquet, a skittles tournament, Christmas Concert and listened to talks from a curator of the V&A and the young Gloucester woman who won the Chinese X Factor!

We look forward to offering many and varied events to for the year to come.

Report from the Tibberton Arm-houses trust delivered by Phil Bevan

Report from the Taynton & Tibberton Village Hall delivered by Hylary Kingham

Report from the TDHS by Hylary Kingham

Planning for the Tibberton Show on Saturday 20th August 2022 is in progress. All in the village are encouraged to get involved.

Public Forum closed the meeting