

Annual Village Meeting



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Minutes of the Annual Aynho Village Meeting (or Assembly) held by Aynho Parish Council in Aynho Village Hall on **Monday 23rd May 2022** at 7:30pm.

Chairman

Cllr. Leslie Leighton, Chairman of Aynho Parish Council

In attendance

Cllrs: Jonathan Clinch, David Dean, Liz Hadley, Les Horley, Jeremy James and Dawn Willis

Responsible Finance Officer: Stephen Brook

Clerk: Chris Wilson

Electorate: 39 members of the public.

1	Welcome and introduction by Chairman, Cllr. Leslie Leighton. The Chairman welcomed the public and introduced the current councillors.
2	Apologies. Apologies were accepted from Graham Gibbs (Public), Deborah Gibbs (Public) and Caroline Parkes..
3	Approve the minutes of Annual Village Meeting 2021. No issues were raised by public and therefore proposed by Cllr. James and seconded by Cllr. Clinch.
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.
5	Brief Reports:
a.	Chairman's Report: 2021-2022. The Chair introduced the Annual Village Report 2022 which outlined the Parish Council responsibilities and objectives. During the past 12 months the Chair highlighted; easing of COVID Lockdown celebration, August 2021 carboot which raised £2000+ and various seasonal fayres and community-based projects, including the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee.
b.	Chad Fischer, RH (Restoration Hardware). Mr. Fischer gave a brief back ground of RH which is an interior design firm which was set up in 1980 and now has 70 galleries. Aynhoe Park is the entrance into the Europe market with 30-40% of customers from the Oxfordshire area, selling from one piece of furniture to a whole home. It will not be a member's club and there will be 4 restaurants (open to all public) for 140 covers; Orangery, tea room, pizza oven and juicery. It was explained the grounds would be open for the public to enjoy. It was explained that a planning application to extend the existing car park, which would have valet parking, had been

	submitted and another parking solution was required outside of the village. The access would be through the main gate and staff would be shuttled to the gallery.
	RH Q&A
i.	Comment; Neighbourly constructive relationships need to be better.
ii.	What are the opening times? Interior design service – 10am – 6pm Orangery – 10am – 11pm
iii.	What does RH own? House and garden – Yes Deer Park – Yes 3 plots at Park Corner – No Land around 3 Plots - No
iv.	Comment; Concern over traffic exiting the Gallery including headlights shining at night across to homes.
v.	What would be the envisaged way public would access RH Gallery? Road, rail, helicopter? Access would be mainly by road; helicopters would be unlikely.
vi.	Will you be hiring from the village? Job will be advertised in linkedIn, Indeed and locally.
vii.	Is there any accommodation? No.
viii.	Will supervised children be allowed access? Yes, all welcome.
ix.	Will the garden/grounds be dog friendly? This would have to be looked in.
c.	Cllr. Rebecca Breese, West Northants Council (WNC). WNC Cllr. Breese reported WNC has £100m in reserves and has been involved in asylum schemes for both Ukrainians and Afghan asylum seekers. Ongoing planning issues are; M40 J11 logistic warehouses, J10 rail-head and pressure for new homes.
	WNC Q&A
i.	Why were we not consulted on M40 J10 development? Cllr. Breese noted the development was not in Northamptonshire but Oxfordshire. There was a discussion of a bypass and weight limit for Aynho (which would require Police approval and is difficult to get).
ii.	What is the progress on the Heyford rail-head? Cllr. Breese reported it was again in Oxfordshire and was a governmental project, questions would have to be directed to a minister. Lord Boswell noted the similarity with the M40 build; well-planned rational arguments needed to be made, effects of cumulative issues and cross-county problems.
iii.	Will there be more affordable housing? Cllr. Breese referred to a housing project in Greathworth with mix-tenure (full purchase, part-buy and rental).
6	Aynho Parish Council Updates.
a.	Traffic, Highways and Parking Cllr. Dean reported the new road markings and signage had now been installed, no accidents have occurred since. The Police speed enforcement van has visited the village

	recently on 3 occasion, 35 prosecutions (22 on one occasion). The Council announced Community Speed Watch is being run in the village from 2 nd July for a month.
b.	Aynho Active
	Cllr. Hadley reported small events and activities included; table football, ping-pong, a running group, cycling group and the regular football and commercial tennis use. Cllr. Hadley reported essential works were now required and planned to be done ASAP. The Council reported they were looking at further updates in the future.
	Q&A
	Boules Pitch; People would use if it was cleared of weeds.
	History Society; Archive material is now stored at the shipping container.
	Jean Skuce; Would like to thank the Council for allowing her to plant a tree, with a plaque, in memory of Gerald.
c.	Finance
	The RFO reported the asset register had significantly changed due to the addition of the sports field. Other significant costs identified were new speed sign/s and an expectation for the work required on the pavilion.
7	Questions or Resolutions from the public
Public	30mph sign missing on the Charlton Road.
PC	The Clerk noted they had reported this already on Streetdoctor.
Public	Why/how have the application at Aynhoe Park not always been open?
PC	The Clerk reported an application in 2020 had re-affirmed the current use at the park house and recent changes had been made as 'non-material amendments' to applications made in 2021.
Public	Will the fete be held at the Park House?
	A member of public in connection with the Church (who benefit from the fete) reported they were in talks with RH.
Public	When will the footpath open across the bottom of the deer park?
PC	The PC reported it was part of the conditions of the 3 houses at Park Corner, it had to be accessible some point before the third house was occupied.
Public	Lord Boswell reported he was housing Ukrainians, under the UK scheme, and they were due to move in later in the week.
	There being no other questions or resolutions the Chair thanked all residents, WNC Councillors and Mr. Fischer (RH) for attendance and the meeting was closed at 8:57pm.