



OXTED PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 21st April 2015 at 8pm in York Room, St John The Evangelist, Hurst Green

Present:

Councillors: Mr S Blunden (SB)
Mr T Dillon (TD)
Mr M Fisher (MF)
Mrs B Harling (BH)
Mrs L Parker (LP)
Mr S Paterson (SP)
Mrs D Wallace (DW)
Mr D Weightman (DW)
Mrs K Weightman (KW)
Mr P Whitehurst (PW)

Parish Clerk: Mrs M Gibbins
In attendance: 18 members of the public

The opening prayers were led by Reverend Anna Eltringham.

Item		Action
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome</u> 1.1 The Chair welcomed members of the public to the APA, Cllr Liz Parker - Chairman of TDC and welcomed Mr Rob Luck, Amenity Services at TDC and Janet Gardiner & Emma Mortlock of Crossroads Care Surrey.</p>	
2	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr Robert Wingate, Mrs A Koelz, Reverend Karen Bell, Mrs Barnfield - Oxted School, Sam Gyimah MP, Reverend David Skitt, Cllr Gordon Keymer, Sarah Lewis - St Mary C of E Junior School, Bob Evans and Pamela McNaughton</p>	
3	<p><u>Guest speakers: Janet Gardiner and Emma Mortlock from Crossroads Care Surrey</u> 3.1 Emma Mortlock explained that she is the Care Coordinator and looks after the Care and Support Workers. Janet Gardiner is the Volunteer Coordinator and is responsible for the social clubs of which there are 5 in the County. Crossroads is a charitable organisation set up in 1973 and is named after the</p>	

	<p>television programme of the same name. It was set up following the realisation from the Crossroads programme that Carers require help, support and time for themselves. 1800 Carers in Surrey are supported whereas there are 108,000 Carers in Surrey. 3 out of 5 people become unpaid Carers some culminating over a long period of time whereas others will occur suddenly following illness or an accident. TDC provided £5000 of funding in 2014 and are providing £4000 in 2015. The funding target for 2015 is £200,000 and £170,000 has already been achieved. 90% of funding currently comes from SCC.</p> <p>Following 2017 there will be a need to identify ways of funding as the current funding is only confirmed until that year.</p> <p>Continuity of Care is provided so that Carers can have a few days away although this has to be partially self funded as only 3 hours per week is funding by SCC.</p> <p>The Crossroads Carers do not only look after the Carer but also support the family unit. Crossroads Care Surrey looks after Carers of all ages.</p> <p><u>3.2 Guest speaker: Rob Luck, Recycling/Amenity Officer, Amenity Services from Tandridge District Council</u></p> <p>Rob Luck explained that he manages various contracts relating to recycling and amenities. In 1993 TDC was one of the first councils to introduce kerbside collection of newspapers. The Council now collects food waste weekly, general household refuse fortnightly and recycling fortnightly. TDC has received good feedback from the public and now recycle over half of all waste collected. In December 2014 WEEE was introduced which is the collection of Waste Electrical Electronic Equipment. Any item which has a plug or battery and fits in a carrier bag is collected weekly from the edge of properties. 2 – 3 tonnes are collected per month. The council also collects textiles which, if in an usable condition are resold or reused for other purposes.</p> <p>Mr Luck was asked whether computers could be collected and confirmed that if they are broken up and fit in a carrier bag then it may be possible.</p> <p>A further question was asked regarding the recycling of energy light bulbs. Mr Luck did not have an answer however confirmed he would inform the Clerk of the position once known.</p> <p><i>“The reason we don’t yet collect low energy light bulbs are part health & safety and part textile quality issue.</i></p> <p><i>Glass from bulbs can easily break in the container on the lorry leading to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Release of mercury vapour from some bulbs</i> • <i>Risk of laceration injuries to the crew from broken glass in carrier bags</i> • <i>Broken glass could get into the clothes also being collected and make them unusable for any purpose”.</i> 	
4	<p><u>Vote of thanks to guest speakers</u></p> <p>Mr Paul Whitehurst gave a vote of thanks to the guest speakers, Janet Gardiner, Emma Mortlock and Rob Luck. He commented that he found the presentations most enlightening and informative.</p>	

5	<p><u>Annual Report & Question and Answer Session</u></p> <p>5.1 The Chair welcomed comments and questions from the attendees on the Annual Report.</p> <p>5.2 A Master Park Management Committee member thanked the Parish Council for its continued financial support</p>	
	<p>The Chair thanked members of the public, representatives from charities, Oxted School and Master Park for attending, and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.</p>	