

The Annual Parish Meeting



Swallowcliffe

Held on Thursday 15th March 2021

At 7:30pm

This meeting was held remotely due to Covid restrictions.

The meeting had 23 connections into it, with some connections having more than one person taking part in the meeting.

The meeting was Chaired by Mr Stephen Banas as the Chairman of the Parish Council.

Included in this report:

- *The Meeting Agenda*
- *A List of Speakers*
- *Slides Used During the Meeting*
- *Written Reports Submitted*



Swallowcliffe Village Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 15th April 2021 @ 7:30pm

All Residents are hereby invited to attend the Annual Village Meeting

To be held on Zoom <https://zoom.us/>

You do not need to subscribe to the zoom software to attend this meeting.

Meeting Code: 884 9227 1284 Passcode: 073449

Direct link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88492271284?pwd=RmlLdjA2Y0hPU0N5L0hUV1N5UjBnZz09>

Agenda

- I. **Welcome:** The Purpose of the Meeting
- II. **Wiltshire Council Report:** by Councillor Jose Green
- III. **Parish Council Reports:**
 - Meet the Parish Council Team
 - Parish Council Chairman's Report
 - Village Communications
 - Phone Box
 - SWW Community Safety Group
 - Highways
 - Footpaths and Rights of Way
 - Parish Council Finance
 - Village Litter Management
- IV. **Reports from Local Organizations:**
 - St Peters Church
 - The Royal Oak
 - Almshouse Trustees
 - Any Others
- V. **Open Forum:**
 - Residents are invited to talk about any matter affecting the Parish
- VI. **Village Hall AGM:**
 - The Village Hall Committee will hold its **AGM** and report to the meeting.

Stephen Banat
Village Meeting Chairman

People who spoke at the Annual Parish Meeting:

- I. **Welcome:** Stephen Banas (Parish Council Chairman) Welcomed Residents and held a minute silence in memory of HRH Prince Phillip, The Duke of Edinburgh.
- II. **Wilshire Council:** Cllr Jose Green (Wilshire Councillor) reflected on many years as a Councillor and confirm her retirement in May.
- III. **Parish Council Reports:**
 - Cllr Stephen Banas introduced the current Parish Council team.
 - Cllr Stephen Banas gave his Chairman's report.
 - Cllr Stephen Banas introduced the Village Communication Team.
 - Cllr Stephen Banas talked about the former phone box.
 - Cllr Nigel Cooke talked about the Community Safety Group.
 - Cllr Stephen Banas talked about local highway matters
 - Cllr Patrick Willis talked about Local Footpaths and Rights of Way.
 - Cllr Gerald Blundell talked about the Parish Council finance
 - Cllr Lyndsay Boothman talked about litter picking
- IV. **Reports from Local Organizations:**
 - Rex Stephenson talked about St Peter's Church
 - Chris Bryett talked about the Royal Oak
 - Fee Carless talked about the Almshouse Trustees
- V. **Open Forum: A short Open Forum took place**
 - It was suggested that a plaque was purchased to celebrate the best hamlet award that the Village won for the Salisbury Journal Newspaper
- VI. **Village Hall AGM:** Gerald Blundell, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee gave a report and the new committee were duly elected.

Slides used for Annual Meeting:

Your Parish Council Team

Name	Role	Responsibilities
Stephen Banas	Councillor	PC Chairman, Highways, Defibrillator Rep for SWW Area Board and CATG
Gerry Blundell	Councillor	Planning & Development, Finance Village Hall Committee Chairman
Lu Boothman (Retiring ¹)	Councillor	Emergency Planning, Litter Management
Patrick Willis	Councillor	Footpaths, Rights of Way and Transport
Nigel Cooke	Councillor	Rep SWW Community Safety Group
Simon Pritchard	Parish Council Clerk	Administration, Compliance

¹ We have a vacant councillor position

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Your Parish Council Team (cont)

Name	Role	Responsibilities
Adrian Clarke	Footpaths Warden	Footpath monitoring
Barry Fitzpatrick	Flood Warden	Emergency Coordination, IT
Jose Green (Retiring)	Wilts County Councillor	Fovant and Chalke Valley Division Chair of SWW Area Board Various WC committee roles

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Chairman's Report - Village Communications Group

Name	Responsibilities
Stephen Banas	Group Chair
Susie Blundell	WhatsApp Group, Newcomer Welcome Pack
Claire Bourne	Swallowcliffe Community Help Group
Graham Ewer	Swallowcliffe Newsletter
Barry Fitzpatrick	Village Facebook, Swallowcliffe Village Website. IT
Caroline Willis	Village Email Group



New Village Website



Village Defibrillator

- Monitored regularly - Registered with Ambulance Service monthly
- Periodic Maintenance Required
 - New pads last year (required every 2 years)
 - New battery (4 – 5 years)
 - Funds reserved each year
- British Heart Foundation Online Training Available



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General Village Maintenance

- Noticeboards and bus stop bench to be restained
- Fingerposts
 - Fingerpost by church - refurbished and repainted (received Wiltshire Council grant)
- Peter Smales kindly donated time and materials repairing the Old Churchyard Bench



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Phone Box

- Now belongs to the village
- Plan to straighten
- Working on plans for sprucing up and repurposing
- Patrick Willis is championing

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Cranborne Chase
Area of Outstanding
Natural Beauty

- How best to communicate with your local community?
- Is there a person who would be appropriate to channel two-way communication (who would cover residents of all ages and interests)?

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Southwest Wiltshire Community Safety Group (Nigel Cooke)

- Local police contacted to discuss speeding through the Village, which is a major issue with all the members of the Group
- Offered to bear Swallowcliffe in mind when patrolling, notwithstanding that their resources are stretched
- Any information on those who speed (eg. number plate) would help the police to take some follow up action

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Highways

- Pothole repairs
- Road Resurfacing
- Blocked Drains, Gulleys, Ditches, Streams, etc
- Visits from the Parish Steward
- Anyone can report issues via the “MyWiltshire” Website/App
- New Village Gates on Common Lane
- Higgins Lane Tidy Up



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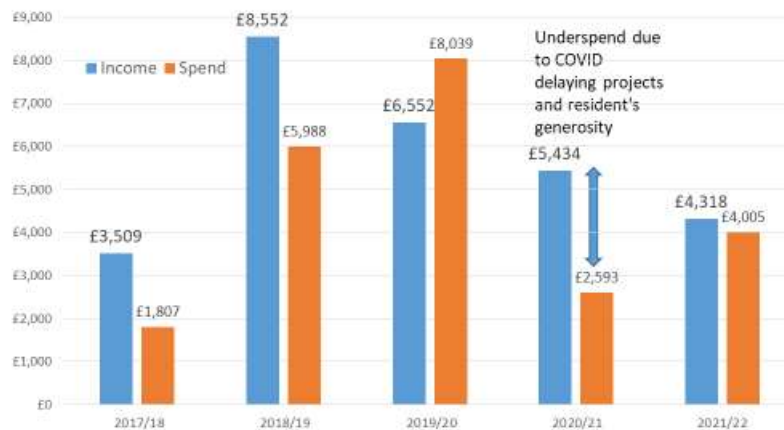


Footpaths and Rights of Way (Patrick Willis)

- Replace stile with gate on SWAL3 at the Tisbury end (TISB27)
- Drainage, steps and surface improvements by Mill House on SWAL5
- Changes of Permissive Access between the A30 and Swallowcliffe Down (working with landowner and Wiltshire Council Footpaths officer)

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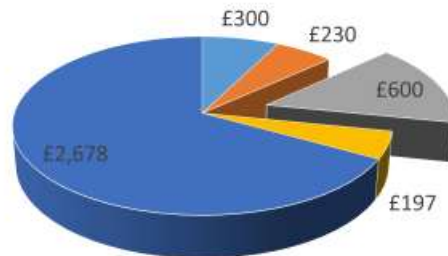
Parish Council Finance (Gerry Blundell) Income v Spend 2017-22



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Parish Council Finance

2021/22 Planned



■ Road Safety ■ Footpaths ■ Amenities
■ Communications ■ Fixed Costs

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Village Litter Management (Lu Boothman)

- Organised Group Litter Picks continue to be suspended until Covid restrictions allow.
- Keeping Swallowcliffe tidy is important & litter clearance by individuals over the past year has kept our village looking great - MANY thanks to all those people – your efforts are noticed and much appreciated!
- Please keep clearing, safely – every little helps!
- Thank you all.

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St Peter's Church – Project Bell (Rex Stephenson)



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Project Bell



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Kneelers



Village Hall Committee AGM

- Last year we were largely inactive due to Covid
- But coming soon : village BBQ on 10th July, roadmap permitting
- Planning to open hall later this Spring
- Finances still in good shape

A big thank you to those who contributed most generously to the 50/50 Club

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Your Village Hall Team for 2021/22

- Shirley Banas: Secretary:
- Gerry Blundell : Chair
- Adrian Clarke: 50/50 Club
- David Morrison: Building
- Nick Osborne: Treasurer
- Caroline Willis: Bookings

Thanks to David Bright who stood down as Chair after many years

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Written Reports Submitted:

CHURCH NOTES VILLAGE AGM 15th APRIL

1. Saint Peter's Church has remained open as a place of contemplation and prayer during all lockdowns despite C of E rules! Open all day on Wednesday and Sunday weekly.
2. Services
 - a. Open Air Services. 2 great occasions - Remembrance Sunday and Carol Service 2020 - both in the old churchyard.
 - b. Now back to normal church service services but with reduced singing and social distancing.
 - c. Forthcoming Special Services: Rogation Sunday 9th May. Patronal Service for Saint Peter 27th June.
3. Other issues.
 - a. Project Bell. The refurbishment of all three bells, a project that started in 2019, is nearing completion. Fundraising campaign hugely successful despite lockdown restrictions raising, through your generosity, 3/4 of the funds required. Total bill will be in excess of £21,000. Other grant giving bodies – Historic England; Friends of St Peter's; The Sharpe Trust; The Llewellyn Edwards Trust. The rehangng of the bells with their fittings has been delayed but hopefully they will be back during the week starting 19th April. We intend to bless them and name them Peter, Andrew and Paul. Date and time of this ceremony to be confirmed.
 - b. Kneelers. Caroline Willis and her team of seamstresses have made 14 new beautiful kneelers for which we are very grateful (see photograph).
4. The Future.
 - a. As we come out of lockdown, we need to build up our finances through the Parish Giving Scheme and other fundraising such as the Summer Fete (7 August 2021) and quiz/curry nights (23rd October 2021).
 - b. Please use the church – weddings; christenings; meetings; musical events and of course services.
 - c. Please support the management of the Church – the PCC; cleaning; flowers; the church yard; lesson reading; taking lay led services.
 - d. The Annual Meeting of the Parochial Church Council 7.30 pm 27th April in St Peter's Church. All welcome.

DHRS

Almshouse and Relief in Need Charity - 15th April 2021

Trustees: Annabel Biddulph, Fee Carless, Rosemary Paines, David Morrison and Steve Whittingham.

Very happy to have Joe Ashby living in Sandhill Cottage.
We welcome Mike and Jill Menage to Goldhill Cottage.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who generously contribute to the charity funds.
Much appreciated.

The charity has two parts: as well as the almshouses it offers relief in need - we are pleased to have been able to provide financial assistance to members of our community during these difficult times.

Other news:

Higgins Lane clearance - David and Steve.

Thatch repairs will take place later this year.

Our mortgage, taken out for the restoration of the two almshouses, is being slowly paid off with monthly repayments.

Matt Fry continues to farm our 21 acres.