

MOSTERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on 9th May 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present Cllrs J Cooper, N Hickman, A Bullock, D Shoemark, R Fry
In attendance District Cllr T Alford, County Cllr R Knox and 16 residents.
The meeting was led by Cllr Neil Hickman, outgoing chairman of the Parish Council.

Mosterton Art Group

No representative present

St Mary's Church

There are 14 churches in the team in total, with 3 fulltime clergy. The church is a friendly place, with a coffee morning from 10 to 12 each Friday. The church has good attendance at events such as harvest and Christmas time. The church has to raise £6,000 per year. Graham Fry thanked Dave Burton for the contributions made by the Meat raffle money. The church has a team of volunteers to look after the building and churchyard, but more volunteers would always be welcome. The tower project has been completed, and the next planned project is the church roof.

Parrett & Axe School -

Parrett & Axe school currently has 114 children on roll, and is staffed by Head Teacher, 3 full time teachers, 4 class-share teachers, 1 full time cover supervisor, 8 part-time cover supervisors/teaching assistants, 2 part time admin staff, 4 lunch time staff, and 2 cleaning staff. 33 of the children are on the Special Educational Needs register, and 12 receive pupil premium funding. The school was inspected by Ofsted in March 2016, and received a GOOD rating. And was inspected by SIAMS (Church inspection) in February 2016, and again received a GOOD rating.

Village Hall

Caroline Childs reported that the hall is still standing, and very busy. Lots of fundraising has been taking place, and due to this and donations from events like Band on the Green the committee has a pot of money, and hope to install a canopy to the rear of the hall. Caroline thanked the gardening club for their efforts in looking after the garden in the car park. This has now been handed back to the village hall committee. . It is hoped that Mosterton Preschool will soon be moving out into their new premises, ad this will allow more groups to use the hall. The post office equipment installation has been completed, and now the hall are waiting on news of personnel to manager this. The defibrillator will be installed on the outside of the village hall shortly. An 80@s themed disco is planned for 27th May.

Gardening Club

Dinah reported that the gardening club has 19 member, with membership costing £10 per year. The group meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, with fees of £1 for members, and £2 for visitors. The group has 2 outings plus 2 shows per year. At the next meeting there will be a plant swap and share.

Ramblers

No representative present

Fred Young Trust

The small charitable trust was set up in 1992 after 2 fields were left in trust to provide support for Mosterton residents aged over 70 in need, but can consider other applicants. The trustees met twice last year to discuss the distribution of funds. The land has been leased to a tenant. Income is generated through the lease of the fields plus some donations from the Meat Raffle, with approximately £2500 in the fund currently. Enquiries may be directed to Rev David Baldwin, Graham Fry, Richard Burrough, Dinah Brazendale or Chris Banyard.

Scouts

Clive Hobbs reported that the group is made of three sections:

BEAVERS (6-8 years)

This section, run by Gill Collier, and has 21 children from the local community.

CUBS (8-10 years)

This section, run by Andy Neal, and has 17 Cubs

SCOUTS (10-14 years)

This section, run by Clive Hobbs, and has 15 Scouts

MONAX EXPLORER UNIT

Although not part of the Group, the Explorer Unit is the next stage of Scouting for 14-18 years, and is run by the District.

Scouts is a multi-gender, multi-faith and multi-ability youth organisation, offering learning through fun and experience. We are community based and always looking for more opportunities to work with our peers and to push our Scouts into new experiences.

Mosterton Preschool

The preschool runs term time in hall, mornings only, for children aged 2 to 4 years old. The preschool accommodates 25 children per morning. The preschool was recently inspected by Ofsted and rated as GOOD. The preschool carries out lots of fundraising, including jumble sales, and the charity ball. More fundraising is planned, and the preschool is hopeful of the new building project moving forward.

The preschool thanked the village hall committee for putting up with them. A rock band evening is planned for 20th May.

Mosterton Craft Group – The group meets at 2.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month. There are currently 15 members. The fees are £10 per year. The group tries lots of different crafts, with the members teaching each other different crafts. New members are very welcome. The group are currently working on a new Liners project, making quilts of different shapes and sizes.

Speedwatch

The Speedwatch scheme is now in operation with volunteers watching traffic through the village on a regular basis. Recently 398 cars came through the village in 1 hour, from 10.30 to 11.30am on a Sunday. Of those, 20 vehicles were travelling at over 35 miles per hour, 1 was travelling at 41 miles an hour, and 8 were travelling at over 40mph. The data collected should help support an application to extending the buffer zone of 30mph.

Meat raffles

The Friday night meat raffle continues, with members paying £1 per week. The scheme raised £45 to £100 per week, and pays out approximately £3200 per year to local groups and Julia's House. The scheme has also helped with supplying the heater in church, and broadband in the village hall. Thanks were expressed to Dave for his organization.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm