

MOSTERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on 14th May 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present Cllrs N Hickman, R Fry & C Lamb.

In attendance: Dorset Councilor R Knox and 7 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

Graham Fry explained that the church is part of Beaminster team, there are 14 churches in the team in total, with 2 fulltime clergy. There is a small congregation most weeks, with more worshippers joining for Christmas and harvest services. The recent redecoration of the church was more costly than anticipated. The church holds a regular coffee morning every Friday, with the next one in aid of Christian Aid. The church hopes to have a water supply on site shortly. On the 22nd and 23rd June the church is hosting a festival of Arts & Crafts. A new curate, Fiona, is joining the team in mid June, and it is hoped that the village will support and encourage her.

Parrett & Axe School - No representative was present.

Village Hall – Sarah Chaffey explained that the hall has had a good year, with ongoing maintenance. There was an issue with children climbing onto the roof. The committee is looking to improve the hard standing area at the rear of the hall, plus the installation of a rear access ramp. A new notice board has been put up at the front of the hall. The hall committee continue to organize a range of events, including old favourites and some new ones too. The casino night went well, and the treasure hunt was good. A tea party is taking place on 9th June, on the 28th September there will be a Western evening, on the 16th November a Cheese and Wine evening, and on 17th December there will be Supper with Santa. 25th January 2020 is the date for Burns Night. The post office continues to open in the hall on Monday afternoons, celebrating its first anniversary yesterday. This is a social event with tea, cakes and a book swap as well as post office services. The Post Office is doing enough business to warrant coming out to the village, but residents are encouraged to use the service. The committee doesn't currently have a chairman and anyone interested in becoming more involved should contact Sarah. The usual classes and group continue to meet in the hall, and there have been some enquiries about new classes, with a Pilates group happening on Monday mornings.

Gardening Club – No representative present

Ramblers - No representative present

Fred Young Trust

The small charitable trust was set up in 1992 after 2 fields totaling 13 acres, were left in trust to provide support for Mosterton residents aged over 70 in need, but the trust can consider requests from other applicants. Last year the trust received income of £1242 income which included £229 from the popular Meat Raffle. Enquiries may be directed to Rev David Baldwin, Graham Fry, Tony Eeles, Richard Burrough, or Dinah Brazendale. Mr Fry thanked Chris Banyard who stepped down last year as a trustee.

£940 was distributed last year in the form of grants, mostly to Mosterton residents over the age of 70, but the group did also help to fund local Scout in their overseas trip.

Scouts - No representative present.

Mosterton Preschool

We are a Charity Run Preschool. Currently running during the school term time Monday to Friday 8.45am to 3.15pm. We have now been in our lovely new building for over a year and have more than 40 children on our books, which is a record high!

There is lots of exciting change happening at the preschool including air conditioning being installed and some works in the garden.

The Pre-school Management team and Committee have been working hard on recruitment, and are very pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Deputy Manager/Room Supervisor starting with us soon. Lorna brings with her a wealth of experience in early years childcare and we are very excited for her to be joining our team. Mosterton Preschool subsidises our income by hosting lots of fundraising events in the local community. A new clothing bank has just been installed outside the village shop, of which funds are being split between the preschool, Mosterton Park (via Parish Council), Mosterton Scouts and the P&A school PTFA. We not long ago held another successful jumble sale and the Village Easter Egg Hunt.

Upcoming events include our Bingo in October and winter jumble sale in November, with other exciting fundraising ideas currently being discussed. We are always looking for volunteers to help us to put on our events and for fresh and interesting ideas. If you know anyone who would be interested in helping us with fundraising please let us know.

We have a few spaces left for September, although they are filling up fast, so please get in touch on 01308 868578 if you would like to come and have a look around our friendly preschool.

Finally, we would like to say how grateful we are to the local community and the Parish Council for all the support in recent times and that we continue to thrive in our new building thanks to you all.

Mosterton Craft Group

Carol Foice reported that the group meets at 2.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month. There are currently 25 members, and the group last year supported the church in its art exhibition and will be doing so again later this year. The membership fees are £10 per year including tea and cake. New members are very welcome. The group makes donations to local charities, from the meat raffle money they receive. The group usually has a speak in September, but at other meetings members share ideas. Lots of members make things for charities including Linus blankets.

Speedwatch

Bill Benge reported that the Speedwatch initiative continues the speedwatched taking place roughly every two weeks. There has been one new member join. Last Friday the group logged 31 vehicles speeding through the village with an average speed over 40mph, including one HGV at over 40mph. The group tried to vary the days and times of the checks. Sundays are a particularly busy day through the village for speeding traffic. It was noted that noise nuisance is very bad especially with motorbikes. The need for the speed watch grows with more development within the village and more volunteers would be welcomed, and anyone interested should get in touch with the parish council. Mr Benge will draft something for the parish council to publish on the Facebook page and in the team news.

The meeting closed at 7.27 pm