

Draft Minutes, Village Showcase and AVM 20th April 2024

Steeple Bumpstead Village Hall

1. 2pm Welcome from the Chairman

The Parish Council Chairman opened the Village Showcase at 2pm

2. Opening of the Showcase with stands from Village Groups

3. Primary School Choir to sing

4. Parish Council / Chairman's Annual report

At 2.45pm Cllr Kerry Barnes commenced the Parish Address, using the PowerPoint slides (available on the PC's website and hall noticeboard)

1. Introduction & Apologies, apologies from Cllr Ian Westrope, Cllr Ian Mackenzie and Cllr Roy Swaby. We have 1 vacancy, as sadly Rebecca Denning has stepped down, she was an asset to the PC and we are grateful for that. The chairman thanked all involved.
2. Spending - The chairman went through the highlights of spend and income
3. Communication - The chairman showed the key focus points of email communication recorded, the most communication was regarding events and then flooding and trees.
4. Planning Applications - the PC do not make any decisions regarding the applications but are consultees and can make comments.
5. Neighbourhood plan - the documents are on a table in the hall during the showcase, and are available at the library and on the PC's website. We are at regulation 16 which is being done by Braintree Council - then it will go to a referendum
6. Highlights of the year past - (as listed in presentation) include New Parish Council plant troughs and hanging baskets, the Kings Coronation street party, Christmas Tree Lighting & Mini Market, Advent Windows, Bulb Planting, Leaf Clearing, Cemetery Clearance - a lot of work went into clearing the cemetery and was followed by a group to do a tidy up, play area / equipment Refurbishment, Clay Poppy Making, a new Bench for the Kings Coronation was also put in at the Camping Close.
7. Volunteer Groups - the PC is always looking for volunteers and there's something for everyone to do, whether on a regular basis or just adhoc basis please sign up and let us know.
8. What's next - Landscapes tender is due, s106 work to the camping close, Community herb & sensory planter, Repair to churchyard wall and to build on the success the past year.

5. Scouts demonstration - although this was on the agenda the Scouts group didn't do a demonstration but instead manned an information display and encouraged

6. Community Energy Project Info session

7. Question Time

Drafted on 21/5/24 by Mrs Julia Howard, Steeple Bumpstead Parish Clerk.

8. Chairman to close the session. Session closed at 4.15pm, with the next showcase to be scheduled for April next year, date tbc.