

Drayton Parish Council
UNCONFIRMED Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting
Held on Monday 15th APRIL 2013 at 19:00
At DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL, LOCKWAY, DRAYTON

Present (Parish Councillors): Daniel Scharf (Chairman); Jennifer Pooley; Richard Webber (arrived at 19:24); Richard Williams; Laurence Zipson; Naomi Broomfield; Julian Fowler.

In attendance: David Perrow (Parish Clerk); Christopher Price (Deputy Parish Clerk)

Parishioners: 25 members of public attended during the course of the meeting.

1. INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS: Paul Mayhew-Archer, Drayton resident, and co-writer of *The Vicar of Dibley*, very kindly opened proceedings as our guest speaker. Paul was the undoubted star of the evening, and his witty and frequently hilarious speech on the theme of ‘reasons why people become Parish Councillors’ will surely be remembered by all present for a long time to come.

2. DRAYTON2020 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: Andrew Bax (Drayton 2020 Steering Group Chairman).

Drayton2020 formed in response to apparent threat of massive house-building and to take advantage of opportunities provided by the Coalition for communities to plan their own future.

Since launch last year over 30 people from across village have contributed to the debate on Sustainability/Look & Feel/Work & Play/Transport/Housing. Fortnightly, public meetings on Steering group attended by others with presentations from the Vale, County Council, Housing Associations, ORCC etc.

Have met with all landowners and shared vision – all cordial, constructive and collaborative. We emphasised the need for future housing to be sustainable and take into account the Housing Needs Survey. Earl of Plymouth Estates has modified its plans to build on the Manor Farm field to incorporate ideas expressed by the community at the Curry Night launch last September for a new village green and site for a new Hall.

Now beginning new phase of consultation. Damascus group came to share their ideas a couple of weeks ago; open meeting in the School on 12th May at 16:00. Brochure and questionnaire will then be distributed to every household.

Problem with communication. Extensive articles in every issue of Chronicle for the last year, and on website, but Drayton2020 still not understood by many people.

3. DAMASCUS YOUTH GROUP PRESENTATION: Rita Atkinson introduced Chelsea and Luke who are both seventeen years old and pupils at John Mason School. Chelsea and Luke spoke about the consultation Drayton 2020 held with them on 25th March that had been a success, with some 20 youngsters taking part. Activities included an ice breaker, group chat and four stations were set up with maps and sticky notes so ideas could be displayed.

4. APOLOGIES: Apologies had been received from Richard Seamark and Barry Winter and these were **noted.**

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 2nd APRIL 2012: The Minutes were agreed and were signed by the Chairman, Daniel Scharf.

6. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2012-13: Daniel Scharf (Chairman of the Parish Council) gave his report, including items as chair of planning committee.

As both Chair of the Parish Council and of the Planning Committee it is convenient that this year has been dominated by planning issues and I will deal with these matters in this one report.

The Parish Council decided to spend a substantial sum on restoring the cross on the Green erected to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and to add a tablet marking that of the current queen. The remaining matters in this report all have a 'planning' interest.

At this time last year the Parish Council was being asked by the VWHDC to look at expressions of interest from owners of 8 potential development sites around the village. Although the Interim Housing Supply Policy (IHSP) was abandoned, the reason for this panic measure, the absence of a 6 year housing supply, did not and might still not have disappeared. The Parish Council took the view that it would be prudent to examine the benefits or otherwise of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan and many people spent many hours traveling many miles in learning about the pros and cons. In August the Parish Council decided to proceed and in February the decision was formalized through the VWHDC's approval of the plan boundary (i.e. the parish boundary). I understand that Longworth is the only other village that has got as far as proposing a plan boundary.

I must start my comments on the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) by thanking members of Drayton 2020; its working groups and Steering Group and to our Clerk David Perrow for making this possible. The Parish Council appointed a Deputy Clerk (Chris Price) for 2 years to release some of David's time, energy and expertise for the NDP preparation. I must add that the Parish Council learnt from those already going down the NDP path the kind of costs that could be incurred. The £30,000 referred to by David Buckle at last year's NDP launch meeting has not been emerged. Instead some of this has been spent on the designation and some of the remainder will pay for an independent examiner and the subsequent referendum. As Naomi Broomfield will confirm, the Parish Council has estimated a cost of about £20,000 to complete the Plan and, on the understanding that the Vale will honour its promise of £10,000, has itself budgeted to add up to £10,000 from the precept (i.e. a small proportion of the council tax). Oxford Rural Community Council has been commissioned for a cost of circa £1500 (ex vat) to shepherd us through the process and some funds have been added by Drayton Community Trust, but I would say that an extraordinary amount of work is being carried out under the auspices of Drayton 2020 to minimize the cost of consultants. I see an important role for the Parish Council, in discussion with Drayton 2020, in managing the public funds, to identify the need for and to engage professional help when this is reasonably required, so as not to take advantage of the goodwill of those engaged in the planning process.

I would also say that even if the planning process founders or the plan fails to satisfy the VWHDC that it is in general conformity with its Local Plan, the NDP process has enabled many people in the village to meet and discuss serious issues in a way that would not have happened in a 'no-plan' world, and I believe, in itself, that has been a positive result for the village arising from the localism agenda.

Meanwhile, the Parish Council as a statutory consultee has the responsibility of responding in a clear and consistent way on all planning applications. This requires it to have a publicly available policy framework to refer to. Drayton 2020 working groups and Steering Group assisted the Parish Council in the preparation of housing policies that were formally adopted by the Parish Council in December 2012. The Housing Policy Guidance (HPG) can be found on the village web site. It has been applied by the Parish Council Planning Committee to two relatively minor applications. The VWHDC chose to ignore it in approving the first, and the second was withdrawn.

One of the criteria for giving weight to policies developed at local level is the consistency with national policy and its 'presumption in favour of sustainable development'. Another is the extent to which emerging policies conform to the VWHDC's Local Plan (also only in a consultation stage).

The last criterion is the extent to which neighbourhood policies have arisen through the participation of the public and can be seen to represent local views. The challenge for village residents, those engaged in preparing the NDP, the Parish Council, the Vale's planners and councillors, and landowners and developers, is to form a view on what they could reasonably want, whether this complies with national policies and the presumption in favour of sustainable development, and what weight to give to the policies emerging at parish and district level. This is likely to be the very confused and uncertain situation for the next 12 months whilst waiting for the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans to reach adoption.

I would encourage everybody living and working in the village to engage with the NDP process. I would also hope that those interested in housing development as residents, potential neighbours or developers, to look at the current HPG and let the Parish Council (as well as Drayton 2020) have your views. There are two of the 15 policies on which I have sensed some unease and on which, therefore, I would personally like people to spend some time. These are the encouragement given to self-building and co-housing. Having built my own house I am very aware of the advantages that project has given me, particularly how much more affordable and sustainable I was able to make this new home. Co-housing is too complex for a sound-bite summary from me now, but many examples can be viewed through a Google search. Hopefully, all prospective developers will hold participation exercises before finalizing and submitting applications (another policy in the NDP) and well informed views could usefully be expressed on these and other matters.

There are other matters that touch on planning and wider parish interests. The Reservoir will become an issue again during the coming year and I would suggest you track this through updates from Nick Thompson's and GARD in the Chronicle.

The Canal Trust is in discussions about the restoration of both canal and its towpath – a project which is suffering from the uncertainty caused by not knowing whether a reservoir will be constructed across the route.

Still on the subject of planning the Parish Council (and Drayton 2020) has held meetings with neighbouring councils to explore ways in which a collective view could carry more weight than those from individual parishes. Meetings include the Drayton Road planning appeal in South Abingdon (public inquiry starting on 21 May) and responding to the draft Local Plan. Although none of the nearby parishes (nor Abingdon) has started an NDP, we are also hoping to discuss issues of mutual interest with them.

During 2012 the X2 bus service moved from Oxford Bus to Thames Travel with some continuing problems but the unusual occurrence of a price reduction in the fare to Oxford. I am grateful to Diane Dunsdon for her efforts in keeping the bus company on its toes. As Public Transport Representative I should add that most services are run on a commercial basis but that the weekday evenings and weekends are subsidized. These services have some protection as Drayton is on a premium route, although the definition and policy objective (a 20 min service) has been watered down. Transport, together with employment, are the issues arising from the designation of Science Vale on which Richard Webber might have more to say as District Councillor.

An application for a Certificate of Immunity from Listing Didcot Power station as a building of architectural or historic interest was not objected to and was subsequently issued by the Vale in anticipation of the closure (coal burning ended on 22 March) and demolition of the coal plant. It seems that this iconic structure will disappear from the landscape.

Returning to the operation of the Parish Council I have to say that the village must start to address questions of whether they want there to be a Parish Council. During 2012 Heather Morrison resigned after 16 years of service for which we should be very grateful. This will be the last meeting for Jenny

Pooley after 10 years as a councillor. Jenny has provided invaluable advice, particularly in maintaining and improving the rights of way. The five vacancies, leave just 6 councillors covering 2 committees, 3 working groups and other responsibilities, including the overall responsibility for the NDP. I am sure that you would all agree that this is not a healthy position. Without a Parish Council a statutory NDP cannot be adopted and it might not even be possible to hold an annual village meeting. Incidentally, this problem might not be widespread as I learnt from the meeting with the neighbouring parishes that Drayton is the only one that is currently short of numbers.

Having said I hope that the village is satisfied with the way in which the Parish Council conducted its business over the last 12 months. Naomi Broomfield has been our Chair of Finance and, with the help of Clerk and Auditor, has kept our books in immaculate order. Richard Williams has been in charge of Leisure and General Purposes, Jenny Pooley has looked after our rights of way and Laurence has done the job of Press and Public Relations Chair which has focused on the Parish Council web pages and the possibility, now a probability, of producing a village logo.

Cllrs. Mike and Marilyn Badcock will be channeling our views to the County Council for the last time/month before the May elections, when Drayton will be joined in its new ward by Marcham and Sutton Courtenay. Richard Webber does the same as our District Councilor, when removing his parish councillor 'hat', where he is our contact with the Village Hall Management Committee.

I must thank David Perrow and Chris Price for making the job of being a councillor much easier and, dare I say it, more effective. Julian Cook has kept the village, including the Green and burial ground looking really good over the last three years. Steve Sadler has picked up far too much litter and maintained our assets including the playgrounds. Tim Atkins has continued with the job of Allotments Warden and managing a waiting list. Others to whom the Parish Council is indebted are the Drayton Chronicle team where we publicise our activities, and all those looking after the Village Hall, and the recreation ground which are Parish Council assets. We are grateful to Sheila Cook for our use of the Day Centre and to Nick Hamilton and the Millennium Green Trust. We should all be grateful for those managing the Almshouses and our churches and to Rita Atkinson, Gary Hibbins and the young leaders for running the Damascus project. I have deep regret that the Parish Council does not currently have the strength of numbers to provide a representative on the School Governing body. The village pubs deserve mention as places to de-brief after torrid and over-long parish council meetings.

Can I thank all the above and all councillors for their tireless and diligent work and for their support. Finally, I would thank all residents for contributing to the life of the village and ask more of you to engage with if not actually joining the Parish Council.

7. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

(a) FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (Naomi Broomfield)

Comparison: 2011-12 Outturn with 2011-12 & 2012-13 budgets

Income (VAT excluded)	2011-12 Outturn	2012-13 budget	2013-14 budget
Precept	£32,000	£40,000	£40,000
Allotments	£488.75	£450	£500
Burial Ground/Memorials	£2,155.00	£1,500	£2,000
Interest	£7.16	£50	£50
Other Income (incl. VAT refund)	£5,958.98	£0	£0
TOTAL INCOME	£40,609.89	£42,000	£42,550
Expenditure (VAT reclaims excluded)			
Administration	£11,182.82	£11,085	£11,500
Grants and Donations S19	£6,660.00	£12,000	£14,000

S137	£1,350.00	£1,900	£1,500
S142	£1,000.00	£1,000	£1,000
Burial Ground/Allotments	£1,834.11	£2,050	£2,200
Play/Recreation	£1,928.90	£2,180	£2,300
Public Amenities/Open Spaces	£5,812.57	£7,475	£5,800
ROW	£705.24	£1,100	£1,200
Miscellaneous (Includes refurbishment of Lockway Play Area/Bus Shelters and Rooks Nest Steps)	£21,019.58	£1,210	£0
Drayton2020		£4,000	£3,000
VAT Paid	£4,867.31		
TOTAL	£56,360.53	£44,000	£42,500

Grants 2012-2013

Dalton Barracks Wives' Choir	£100
Oxon/Bucks/Berks Air Ambulance	£200
Help for Heroes	£56.20
St John Ambulance (Oxon)	£250
Trinity Learning (Abingdon)	£150
DAMASCUS	£3,000
Drayton Football Club	£2,250
Abingdon Citizens' Advice Bureau	£1,000
South & Vale Carers	£350
Drayton Village Hall	£638.22
The Abingdon Bridge	£550
Abingdon Street Pastors	£150
Total Grants	£8694.42

Drayton Parish Council – ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012 (ENDING 31/3/2012)

RECEIPTS

2010/2011		2011/2012
£32,000.00	Precept	£32,000.00
£236.76	Allotment Rents	£488.75
£1,405.00	Burial Ground/Memorials Income	£2,155.00
£250.93	Bank Interest	£7.16
£0.00	Borrowings	£0.00
£0.00	Grants & Donations	£0.00
£0.00	Public Amenities/Open Spaces	£0.00
£0.00	Other income	£1,164.05
£35,746.09	Total	£40,609.89

PAYMENTS

2010/2011		2011/2012
£6,817.24	Staff Costs	£6,977.33
£0.00	Loan Interest	£0.00
£3,403.23	Other admin. costs	£2,965.07
£1,093.52	Insurance	£1,240.42
£12,706.80	Grants	£9,010.00
	Grants S.19	£6,660.00
	Grants S. 137	£1,350.00
	Grants S.142	£1,000.00

£1,886.05	Burial Grounds/Allotments	£1,834.11
£1,447.06	Play/Recreation Gds	£1,928.90
£5,611.47	Public Amenities/Open Spaces	£5,812.57
£430.33	Rights of Way/Conservation	£705.24
£827.35	Miscellaneous costs	£21,019.58
£889.65	VAT paid	£4,867.31
£35,112.70	Total	£56,360.53

£36,605.94	Bal b/f	£37,239.33
£35,746.09	Add total receipts	£40,609.89
£72,352.03		£77,849.22

£35,112.70	Less total payments	£56,360.53
£37,239.33	Balance c/f 31st March 2011	£21,488.69

BALANCES REPRESENTED BY:

£4,708.68	Current Account	£4,032.34
£34,187.15	NS&I Account	£19,187.15
£38,895.83		£23,219.49

£1,656.50	Less unrepresented cheques	£1,730.80
£0.00	Plus unrepresented credit	£0.00
£37,239.33		£21,488.69

(b) PLANNING COMMITTEE: (Daniel Scharf)

The Planning statistics for 2011-2012 for Drayton were that we received 28 planning applications – the same number as last year. Of these the Parish Council fully approved of one and objected to 8, with no objections to the remainder, although we did set out concerns we had about them and/or suggested conditions or amendments that should be made. Of these 28 applications, 2 were withdrawn, 6 are still pending a decision by the Vale of White Horse District Council and 2 were tree permissions which were modified before permitted. The VWHDC permitted 16 of the remaining 18 applications, refusing 2.

(c) LEISURE AND GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP: (Richard Williams)

I'd like to reiterate Daniel Scharf's thanks to Steve Sadler for his work as the village caretaker. Steve has carried out countless maintenance jobs around the village, from picking up litter, to strimming back undergrowth and keeping our footpaths clear, removing larger branches when brought down by high winds, to fixing or repairing any items that need it, and lots more. He's also kept the children's playground in Lockway in good trim, with regular safety checks, repainting the metalwork and re-staining the wood to improve the appearance of and preserve the equipment. Julian Cook has also done an excellent job of grass cutting around the village and in the burial ground, despite having to contend with the wettest year in anyone's living memory. Those who attended the Jubilee celebrations on the Green last summer, and all residents who use the Green regularly, will be aware of the problems we have had with keeping the grass acceptably short in this area, and it's as well to point out that this particular task is not the responsibility of Julian or the Parish Council, although the Parish Council has contributed to the funding of it in the past. The fact is, it has proved difficult to find a contractor who is both reliable, and willing to take on the job for a reasonable fee, but hopefully we will be able to resolve this issue for the upcoming summer.

Tim Atkins continues to act as the Parish Council's eyes and ears on the allotments in his job as Allotment Warden. Sadly, Tim reports that there has been a spate of thefts from sheds in the past year, including some power tools and hand tools, which are of course expensive to replace. He also informed us that in February of this year, Thames Valley Police found a hoard of garden machinery and equipment in an outbuilding near Wheatley, with a total estimated value of £100,000. All the items are believed to have been stolen in a series of non-dwelling burglaries from sheds, garages, vehicles and the

like in the Thames Valley area. Two people have been arrested, but allotment holders and indeed anyone with a garden would be advised to consider carefully where and how they store valuable gardening equipment. However reprehensible, such thefts of high-value items are at least understandable, from the thief's point of view, that is. Bizarrely, however, Drayton has recently had two of its dog bins stolen, by a person (or persons) unknown. Obviously this is a cause of some annoyance to the dog walkers who use the bins, although depositing plastic bags on the ground where the bin ought to be is not a helpful response; but also to the Parish Council, who have had to bear the cost of replacement, running into several hundred pounds. The police are not thought to be searching for these particular items, or checking local scrap yards, but somewhere out there is someone who either has a grudge against dog owners - or a very strange hobby.

(d) RIGHTS OF WAY AND CONSERVATION WORKING GROUP: (Jenny Pooley)

Not surprisingly there are some positive and some negative things to report, so I will start with the latter and get them out of the way.

The unusually wet conditions throughout the winter have meant that many paths, even those with hard surfaces, have been extremely muddy and difficult to negotiate. Probably the worst one has been a section of the much used Bridleway 9 to the east of the burial ground. Since the problem has been vastly worse than in previous years it would probably be wise to wait to see whether 2012/13 is just a 'one-off', before considering negotiating with the landowner and then the Council paying for upgrading the path.

A perennial problem is that of persuading local land owners to comply with County Council regulations about reinstating footpaths to their correct width and quality after ploughing. This past year was no exception and it took some persistence to ensure that field paths within the parish were adequately maintained. Persistence paid off.

Thanks should go to Drayton's caretaker, Steve Sadler, for his never ending task of litter picking around the village. How satisfying it would be if everyone took their cans and bottles home with them instead of littering the paths and hedgerows.

On a positive note, the wet weather has had some benefits. This time last year I reported that the oak tree planted on the Millennium Green had died through lack of water and had to be replaced. Conditions this year have ensured that Norman's oak is looking healthy and I hope that I shall be able to say the same about the flowering cherry (*prunus shirotae*) that we recently had planted in the burial ground to replace a felled dead tree.

Finally, in 1996 JC Waste, the then owners of land to the east of Drayton, applied to the County Council for permission to divert Drayton's Footpath 17 and Sutton Courtenay's FP 19 in order that landfill operation could go ahead. Permission was granted but with the obligation that the original path would be reinstated on completion of the work. In 2012 CEMEX, the current owners of the site, applied to the OCC for permission to close the 1996 diversion and reinstate the original route, and this work has now been completed. The new route makes for a pleasant, slightly longer walk around the lake and along a wide path to the north east through newly planted stands of trees. The lake attracts water birds and when mature the woodlands will make it an attractive route which can be accessed either from the steps leading down from the B4016 just before the turn to Milton, or from the Sustrans cycle track to the north east where it joins the bridleway to Oday Hill, and where a gate suitable for mobility scooters has been installed, though how safely accessible the actual path is for disabled users I am not sure.

(e) Press & Public Relations Working Group: (Laurence Zipson)

The Press & PR Working Group is continuing to support the Village website and is currently developing a Parish Council logo which will be displayed on property that we are responsible for, and in our communications.

8. PARISH ACCOUNTS: The final accounts for the Parish Council for the year 2011-2012 were available for public inspection.

- The latest accounts for the DAMASCUS Youth Project were available for inspection.
- The latest accounts for the Millennium Green Trust were available for inspection.
- The latest accounts for the Village Hall were available for inspection.
- The latest accounts for the Caudwell Day Centre were available for inspection.

9. REPORTS FROM DRAYTON COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS:

- **DAMASCUS Youth Group.** Gary Hibbins introduced Ryan who has worked for DAMASCUS for one year. Gary spoke about some of the activities that DAMASCUS do: Work in schools, drug and alcohol, workshops, 1 to 1 work with youngsters, drop-in, street work and transitional workshops (to prepare pupils for secondary school).
- **Drayton Village Hall.** Ann reported on a successful year with not many gaps during the week. Unfortunately there was some vandalism to the outside of the building that happened on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's. Mr Tony Holmes will be taking over as booking secretary.
- **Drayton Football Club** (Gary Hibbins). A number of improvements to the club house are currently being made: New patio, double doors and a ladies toilet. The club has two adult and two youth teams, soon there will also be an under eighteens team as well.
- **Caudwell Day Centre** (Chris Willis Dixon). The Caudwell day centre is used regularly: Bingo, bridge, band, patchwork quilting class, Friday club (providing food for old people), Drayton's wives, Parish Council meetings, Drayton 2020 meetings, foot clinic and an art class. The hall is ideal for small groups.
- **St Peter's Church** (Revd. Rebecca Peters). St Peter's Church needs more people. There is lots of activity going on in the Church, but the Church of England has labelled it unsustainable. The Church is holding an open meeting on 19th May at 15:30 where there will be a short presentation about current and future church activities, as well as a chance to input your ideas. All welcome, free afternoon tea and scones.

10. REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS FOR THE PARISH:

(a) **Oxfordshire County Council:** Neither Mike nor Marilyn Badcock was able to be present at the Annual Parish Meeting, so no report was received on Oxfordshire County Council matters.

(b) **District Councillors's Report:** Richard Webber gave his report.

- **Neighbourhood Action Group** is a key part of Neighbourhood Policing in the Thames Valley. The village receives regular Neighbourhood Policing team updates for Appleford, Drayton and Sutton Courtenay.
- **Elections.** Last year there were a number of mistakes.
- **Local Government Boundary Commission.** Back in January the Council wrote to the Local Government Boundary Commission objecting to their proposal for a two-member Drayton & Sutton Courtenay ward. We won the argument and we are now part of the Sutton Courtenay and Marcham Elector Division as a single member ward.
- **Local Plan.** It will be 18 months to get part 1.
- **Planning and the Neighbourhood Plan.** For whatever reason, Drayton is now the only large village in VWHDC not to have received an application to build a large number of houses. Drayton 2020 is very important, I urge you to get involved and help make democracy work.

11. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY PERSONS PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Some 25 members of the public were present. 8 members of the public spoke.

- **Defibrillator.** It was suggested that Drayton purchased a defibrillator for the village. Cost might be around £2000 with training.

- **Parish Council job description.** Paul Mayhew-Archer asked what a Parish Councillor involved doing. Reference was made to Jennifer Pooley's article in Aprils Chronicle: Having a Parish Council is very important for a well-functioning village, increasingly so as 'localism' is given more weight, and being a member of it is always interesting, often challenging and just occasionally frustrating. It demands a regular commitment of at least one monthly meeting, usually on the first Monday evening and, for most members, a willingness to sit on at least one committee or working group. Quite often training sessions, exhibitions or meetings of special relevance to Councilors' work are provided by the OCC or the VWHDC, and these are particularly helpful for new Parish Councillors. Daniel Scharf described the job as a bit like "minding the shop whilst trying to make improvements".
- **Drayton 2020 Cost.** Julian Cook queried the cost of Drayton 2020, he feels that it is a very expensive exercise and will just produce a glossy document at the tax payers expense. Richard Webber replied on behalf of the Parish Council, he explained the importance of having control over our own future and the development of our village so we do not end up with ribbon developments and no village centre. It is in our own interest to get it right. It was suggested that Julian gets more involved.
- **Litter.** A parishioner feels that there has been more litter in the last few months. Fly tipping should be reported to the Clerk.
- **Dog Kennels.** A parishioner commented about noise from the dog kennels.
- **Millennium green walnuts.** A parishioner enquired about the walnuts on the Millennium green. Richard Webber said that it was fine to take some but please share.

12. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS:

Daniel Scharf thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, which closed at **20:30**.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Drayton Short-Mat Bowls Club, to whom we offer our grateful thanks. The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Council followed on at 20:55.