

**NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
OF ODIHAM AND NORTH WARNBOROUGH
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2021 AT 6.30 PM**

Present:

Residents, councillors and staff: 68+

1. Chairman's welcome

Cllr McFarlane opened the meeting by declaring a 1 minute silence in remembrance of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

She then explained that attendees could submit questions via the 'chat' feature on Zoom and that these would be answered at the end of the meeting. It was noted that apologies had been received from Becci Friend.

2. Signing of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2019

It was agreed to sign the notes from the 2019 APA, noting that 9 of the 10 current parish councillors had not been present at the time of that meeting.

3. Presentation from a Hants Governor of South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS), Tony Nicholson, on SCAS services and their Covid response over the last year

Tony Nicholson spoke about the work of the SCAS with a focus on the impact of COVID over the past year.

He advised on how members of the public can support the NHS and SCAS: stick to COVID guidelines, go to the NHS if needed, show appreciation and join as a member of the Trust. He was asked for a contact and this was to be provided.

Presentation slides may be viewed in the attachment to these notes.

4. Council highlights of the year (refer to Appendix 1 for presentations):

- **Update from the Planning & Development Committee – Cllr Verdon**
- **Update from the Traffic & Transport Committee – Cllr Stewart**
- **Update from the Amenity Areas Committee – Cllr Raw**
- **The future of the Bridewell – Cllr McFarlane, Chair**

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5. Thank you to the Odiham & North Warnborough Community – Cllr McFarlane, Chair

Cllr McFarlane thanked members of the community for their contributions to the parish. Particular thanks were expressed to those who had been nominated:

- Sue Williams
- Becci Friend
- Jim and Amanda Coomber
- Derek Spruce
- Dave Harper
- Sally Tunstell
- Elizabeth Wallace

Each name and the reason for the nomination was read out. Cllr McFarlane hoped that there would be an opportunity to meet in person later in the year.

6. Questions

Some questions had been submitted prior to the meeting and others were received during the meeting.

- **Can the OPC please confirm it is their intention to adopt the open space at Montfort Place?**

Cllr Verdon had mentioned this in her committee reported and responded that efforts had been made over the past year and were ongoing, however concerns over the condition of the land remained and these had to be sorted out to the satisfaction of Hart DC.

- **When will the draft revisions conservation area character assessment be available for public viewing?**

A draft had been received and OPC was pleased with this.

- **With reference to the review of the Conservation areas, will the apply to all three CAs?**

This only applies to Odiham and North Warnborough, not the canal which crosses boundaries.

- **As a wheelchair user, are there any plans to have disabled toilet facilities in Odiham town centre? The facilities already in Odiham are unsuitable.**

Once the office is re-opened, the existing toilet in The Bridewell would be available during opening hours. If The Bridewell is taken on by OPC, access within the building would be looked at.

- **Is the council seeking funding from the Crownfields site?**

Funding is linked to firm plans of community need, so Cllr Verdon invited people to put forward ideas.

- **Wheelchair access into The Firs may be useful. (I live in The Firs)?**
Plans for work at The Firs had been put on hold because contractors were not available. Cllr Raw said that wheelchair access could be looked at. Tree-clearing and improvement to the views were planned.
- **A number of people do litter picking. Could there be more facilities for the disposal of this collected material, around the Village?**
Litter-picking equipment which can be made available for community litter-picks was available from the office.
Cllr Raw had confirmation that Hart have confirmed they will collect sacks adjacent to OPC bins from litter pickers - please keep them tidy.
- Delighted to see climate change & biodiversity through its open spaces management (and much else!). I run my own climate change & sustainability strategy co. and would be happy to offer any strategic, technical or tactical work to support. Do contact me at belinda@decarbonize.org.uk
- Great work David Harper.
- **Concern about poor pavements in places in the High Street and wondered if there are any plans for repair?**
Cllr Stewart explained that OPC does not control this matter and said that Cllr Ken Crookes had made significant progress. He advised that concerns should continue to be brought to the attention of OPC and they would be passed up.

The meeting closed at 7.36 pm. Cllr McFarlane thanked everyone for attending.

Notice is hereby given that the

Annual Parish Assembly

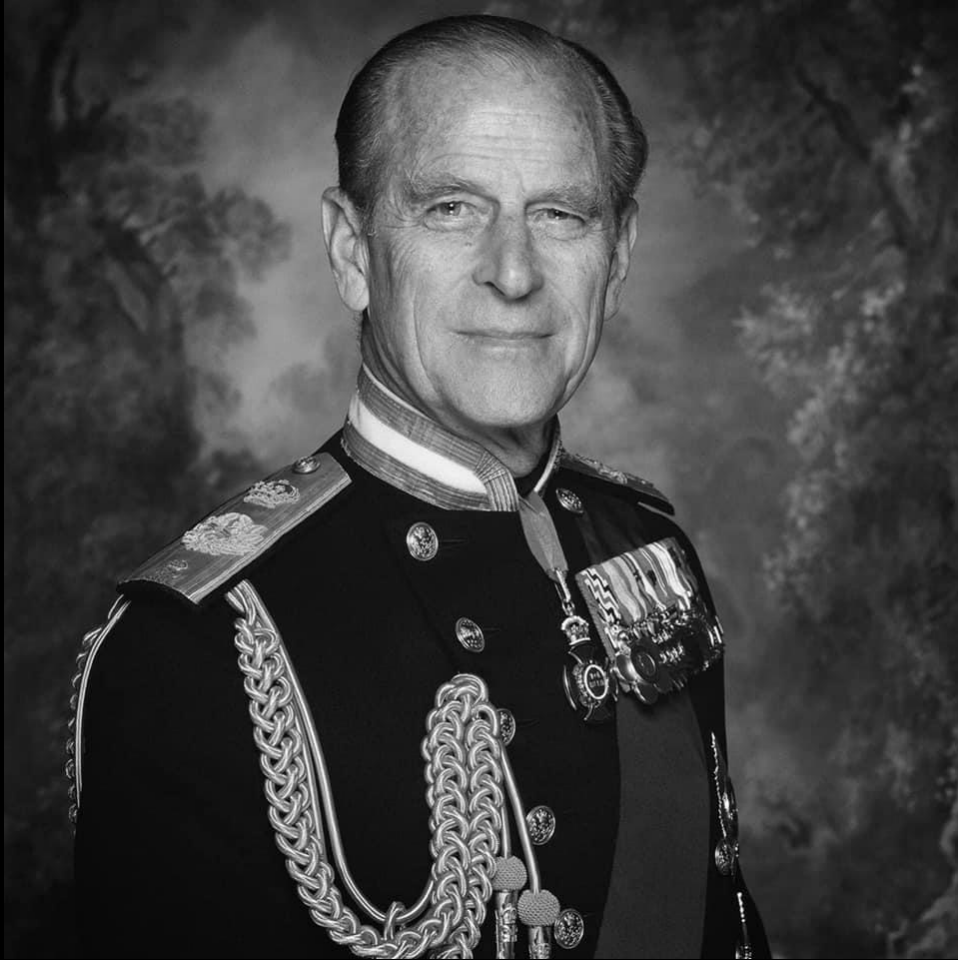
will be held via Zoom on

Tuesday 13th April 2021

6.30pm-8.30pm

All residents are invited to attend.

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip,
Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T.



It was with great sadness that Odiham Parish Council learned of the death of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. Odiham Parish Council extends its heartfelt condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and members of the Royal Family.

We remember with immense gratitude the lifetime of service which His Royal Highness devoted to Her Majesty, to our Nation and to the Commonwealth.

Chair's Welcome

Cllr Dr Angela McFarlane, Odiham Parish Council

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Presentation from a Hants Governor of
South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS),
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NHS

**South Central
Ambulance Service**

NHS Foundation Trust

What do we do?

- Respond to emergency calls
(999 service)
- Respond to non-emergency calls
(NHS 111 service)
- Non-emergency Patient Transport Services
(PTS)
- Offer a range of commercial services:
 - Logistics
 - First Aid training
 - National Pandemic Flu Service
- Resilience and specialist operations



SCAS in numbers

4,058
STAFF



1036
COMMUNITY
& CO-RESPONDERS



1.24 MILLION
CALLS TO
NHS 111



557,591
999 INCIDENTS



1185
VEHICLES



102
SITES



866,426
PTS JOURNEYS



POPULATION
7 MILLION





NHS


South Central
Ambulance Service
NHS Foundation Trust

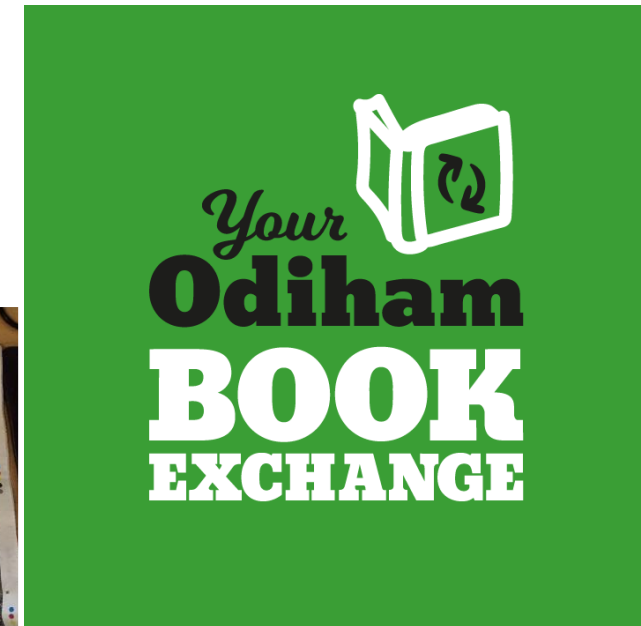
Join us!!

getinvolved@scas.nhs.uk



Council Highlights of the Year

- Strong community support throughout Covid, including support for our High Street.
 - Fantastic voluntary support – Covid, Speedwatch, Book Exchange, litter picks, Christmas events.
 - Adopted Strategic Plan – starts to define strategic projects.
 - £3,350 community grants awarded.
 - Establishing new Odiham Book Exchange.
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Council Highlights of the Year

- New website.
- Started work on developing a Village Centre Area Action Plan.
- Thank you to Mike Killick and welcome to Cllr Alex Fraser.
- Work to save The Bridewell (to be covered later in the meeting).



Planning & Development Committee

Cllr Pam Verdon

Last year

- Considered 204 planning applications in the parish (end of March).
 - Including applications for 3 Neighbourhood Plan housing sites – Crownfields, land at Western Lane and land east of Hook Road.
- Considered 41 tree applications in the parish (end of March).
- Presentations from the developer of Dunleys Hill NP development site.
- Presentation from solar farm developer, Cholsey Farm. OPC objected to this application which is currently being considered by Hart DC.
- Responded to Government consultations including reforms of the planning system and permitted development rights.
- Conservation Area Character Appraisals updates are underway.
- Hart DC took ownership of the former Swan Public House.



Planning & Development Committee

Cllr Pam Verdon

Year ahead

- Community consultation on the updated draft, Conservation Area Character Appraisals.
- Works will start on the rural exception site on land adjacent to Roughts cottage.
- OPC due to consider planning application for the Crownfields NP housing site 21st April. Separately OPC will be researching options for area of land adjacent to Leapfrogs building.
- Hope to progress discussions on the future ownership and management of the Montford Place public open space land.
- Involved in the Shapley Heath Garden Village plans.



Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pam Verdon

- 2 Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group meetings.
- Annual Monitoring Report now published online
<https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/council/planning/neighbourhood-plan>
- Strong progress made on the Plan's delivery.
 - **Land at Burford, Western Lane, Odiham** - Permission has been granted for 16 houses.
 - **Land at Crumplins Yard** - site is very nearly completed.
 - **Land at Dunleys Hill** - developer presented to the Planning Committee, housing and public open space
 - **Land at Hook Road** - application for erection of 17 dwellings. Planning committee submitted a strong objection, decision to be determined.
 - **Land next to Crownfields** – first application refused, second to be considered by Planning Committee 22nd April.



Traffic & Transport Committee

Cllr David Stewart

Last year

- Listened to residents' concerns of speeding in parish



- Setting up a new Speedwatch group - working closely with the Police.
- Volunteers signed up - training to start soon.

- Local parking
 - Responded to Government consultation on pavement parking.
 - Supporting residents requests for disabled parking bay in The Bury.
 - Opposed early plans to implement parking charges at the Basingstoke Canal car park, Colt Hill.
 - Liaised with the Police on parking concerns in The Street and Hook Road.
 - Listened to residents on parking problems in Tunnel Lane and liaised with other authorities.
- Continued to part-fund street lighting.
- Campaigned for electric vehicle charging points in Odiham.
- Responded to residents' reports of signage, footpath and rights of ways issues.



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Year ahead

- Speedwatch to start.
- Hoping to fund new signage in Tunnel Lane.
- Working with Hart DC to provide at least one electric vehicle charging point in Odiham and at the best location.
- Start researching Village Gateway scheme.
- Work with relevant authorities and Crownfields developer to research further improvements to tackle speeding on B3349.



Amenity Areas Committee

Cllr John Raw

Last year

- Maintained management of open spaces, allotments, play areas, cemetery and public toilets throughout Covid restrictions and lockdowns.
 - Managed the play areas in accordance with fast changing Covid regulations.
- Appointed new grounds contractor Larkstel Ltd.
- Repaired structure of War Memorial.



Amenity Areas Committee

Cllr John Raw

Last year

- Installed new footpaths from the Recreation Ground car park to the play areas.
- Replaced fencing in the Peace Garden and Cemetery.
- Arranged for Parish Room redecoration.
- Carried out several repairs to play areas and tree maintenance.
- Funded Ranger services for Odiham Common and Broad Oak Common.
- Re-let Chapel Cottage to secure important income for the Parish.
- Maintaining 2020 allotment and cemetery fees.



Amenity Areas Committee

Cllr John Raw

Year ahead

- Starting to look at previous condition reports on the Chapels and ways to make safe & improve.
- Budget provision made for damp proofing work in King St public toilets.
- Researching the best use of the meadow, land part of Odiham Cemetery.
- Researching grant funding for the second phase of renovating the War Memorial.
- A new defibrillator at the Recreation Ground.
- A new management plan for woodland at The Firs.
- How can OPC respond to Climate Change and increase biodiversity through the management of its open spaces?
- Helping to Keep Britain Tidy, in partnership with the Community Committee.



The Future of The Bridewell?

Cllr Dr Angela McFarlane



The Bridewell - Background

- An asset of community value owned by Hampshire County Council (HCC).
- Until 31st December 2020 it housed the Odiham branch of HCC library service. This has now closed.
- OPC, supported by a community working group, is leading a project to open a Community Book Exchange in its place. The working group, and the 30 volunteers, want to open the Book Exchange in the former library space.
- HCC proposes to gift The Bridewell freehold to OPC for the cost of £1 with an option to bid for a grant of £10k towards the backlog of repairs.
- OPC has to decide whether or not to accept the building?
- OPC will need to seek grant funding from other sources to improve the building and create a community hub.
- If OPC do not take on the Bridewell, HCC intend to dispose of the building.
- OPC's lease expires in 2025 and OPC would need to negotiate a new lease or move.
- In order to manage the Bridewell at no additional cost to the community via the Precept it would be necessary to generate additional income from the building.



Questions to the community

Current SurveyMonkey ending 16th April

1. On a scale of 1-5, where 1 is not important and 5 is very important, how important do you think it is for the Bridewell to remain as a community asset?
2. Would you support the decision to take on the Bridewell if it resulted in an increase of 5% - approximately 50p a month for a Band D house - in the Precept (the portion of the Council Tax that goes to the Parish Council)? Y/N
3. Would you support the decision to take on the Bridewell only if it was cost neutral to the Parish Council? Y/N
4. Would you be prepared to join a 'Friends' scheme to support the Book Exchange to ensure it could provide books for the community and run a programme to encourage literacy and support IT literacy? Y/N
5. If yes, would you consider a subscription of a minimum of £2 per month – less than the price of one cup of coffee? Y/N
6. Any other comments:



The Bridewell - Decision

- The results of the online SurveyMonkey will be reviewed in time for the next full Council meeting 20th April.
- The full Council meeting on 20th April will include a full debate and vote on how OPC should proceed.
- The HCC grant closing date is 11th May.



Thank you!
to the Odiham & North
Warnborough Community



Nomination 1

Sue Williams

Nomination 2

Becci Friend

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Derek Spruce

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Nomination 7

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- What are OPC's plans for The Firs? – the site is overgrown, unmanaged and posing a risk to road users.

