

BARTON STACEY ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 10th March, 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Sue Gaines in the Chair

Present:- Cllr Sue Gaines, Jo Gadney - PC Clerk, Cllr David Drew, Nigel Cooper, Peggy Carter, Nicholas Prideaux, Cheryl Sherwood, Mark Bailey, Jan Lovell, Keith Cox, Stuart Rippon, Chris Coates, Jill Coates, Penny Horobin, Janne Hansen, Alison Cooper, Kate Sarnicki, Steve Brown, Alison Brown, Rebecca O'Mara, Ali Whyte, Pete Whyte, Jo Parker & colleague, Duncan Clark, Terry Moffatt, Martha Palin, Sarah Oakley, Peter Wood, Donna Oliver

1. Cllr Gaines welcomed everyone to the March Annual Parish Assembly – it seems a more popular date than May.
2. Minutes had previously been emailed to all those attending – It was agreed that they were a true record of the meeting.
3. **Barton Stacey Parish Council**
 - a) Chairman's Report

Overall a hard year, but with good results. Best news was that Wheelabrator was pulling out of their proposed waste to energy site at the A303 Enviropark. Keep Test Valley Beautiful put in an awful lot of hard work (huge thanks to them) and Barton Stacey and Longparish worked very well together on this which included the Love run and also the sharing of the SID. The revived handbell competition was a success and raised funds towards the fight against Wheelabrator. Many thanks to the councillors and Richard O-B too. Normal council work continued which included the "fun and fitness" project. Our amazing team of volunteers continue to be ever present and helpful with annual jobs (Winterbourne Clear up) Thank you to the clerk who reminds HCC every year to ensure all the drains are flushed out and councillors who liaise with the Developers and land owners. The day to day work ensures that parish assets are looked after and the parish is kept as tidy as possible and the safety of residents is always utmost in our minds. So what's new? The Speed indicator device (SID) with some surprising results. Lets hope the vehicle travelling at 70mph through the village was an emergency vehicle! A huge thanks to Paul and Cathy Gibson for all the work that goes into the moving and managing of the SID. The MUGA was finished in May 2019 and we have had some very good feedback from users. The Black Swans use it in the summer months and the PC will be looking into improving the floodlights as next year's project. The PC held a consultation event regarding S106 informal play ideas. Sadly some of the ideas weren't possible however there are 2 new wheelchair friendly picnic tables in the parish and a new basketball post on the hard standing by the Primary School. Although the wild flower area couldn't be funded by S106 monies the PC are going ahead with this on the bank in the recreation ground so look out for these in the summer months. Thank you to Cllr

Jayes who carries out the regular inspections of the play areas. An addition of a nest swing in the playground was paid for by formal play S106 monies and can be used by small children and disabled children. The PC have also provided 2 cycle racks at the end of the car park for residents to be able to safely leave their bikes while visiting the playground, recreation ground, Village shop or pub. The Zero Waste group was started with a PC working group which has now spun off as a separate group and is one of the leading parishes in its field. More on this later. A huge thank you to the Twinning Association for the lovely bench which they donated and is now located on the Green. Communication is always important for the PC – there is the village website (www.bartonstacey-pc.co.uk) West Dever News articles, Newsletters (on an ad hoc basis and now using recycled paper and vegan ink) and the Welcome Pack is still to do. Although the formal resilience plan hasn't been completed the village now has a well-used email system, operated by the clerk, which is both an information instrument and has the ability to call upon volunteers in emergency situations. The A30/A272 junction has caused much frustration to the PC but the lobbying has worked and various changes have occurred to make the junction safer. The precept (PC share) will not increase for 2020/2021 – this is mainly down to prudent budgeting and Borough and County Councillors and their very generous grants. So to next year: the PC are in the early stages of looking into a new pavilion, supporting the Zero waste initiative, a parish composting area and maybe additional floodlights on the recreation ground as well as some fun plans for VE day in May. Huge thanks to all the councillors, the bubbly clerk and to all those who volunteer (looking after planters, picking up rubbish, clearing ditches, painting the phone box, moving the SID and charging batteries and supporting and being part of KTVB.

b) Financial Statement

Income and Expenditure schedules were shown on the screen (and will be appended) Expenditure looks much larger than income for this financial year due to the MUGA payments (income from grants for the MUGA appeared in the 2018/2019 incomes figures)

4. **Barton Stacey Judo Club**— report by Keith Cox

24th year of the club. 22 children who are U16. They are taking part in competitions with a new association and the most recent competition they won 2 silvers and 2 bronzes. In Gradings the children are doing very well. It is a fun club.

5. **Barton Stacey History Group (including Archaeology)** – Report by Stuart Rippon/Lin Moffat

I'm going to talk about both what the History Group has been doing and on the Archaeology we undertook last year. Firstly out thanks to Alan Longden who has stepped down from the group this year and a warm welcome to Jill and Chris Coates who have joined us. Our research into our medieval knights came to a conclusion over the summer. Katie had

managed to condense the hundreds of pages of medieval documents we had uncovered into a booklet on the knights Rogo and Emery de Sacy. With lots of hard work we were able to have the booklets ready for the archaeological dig in August, so diggers and visitors had something to take away with them and at the fete we exhibited some of our medieval research and the result of the first year's dig. As well as our medieval booklet we have published a second booklet by Mark Bailey who continues with his booklets on our famous vicars - this time it's Thomas Rennel, Dean of Winchester and the most eminent of all our incumbent vicars. We await the next instalment in the series covering the Rev. Ulric Zwinglius Rule - another fascinating character. As well as these new booklets, we have had to reprint most of our others as sales continue to go well. We have also been working hard to continue the basic research that underpins the history of the parish, completing the graveyard survey, and putting the census and maps together to understand who lived where and when. We plan to present this work at an exhibition on the 13th June from 1pm – 5pm here in the Village Hall. You can view the wonderful maps and detailed information we have amassed and see how some of the village houses have been researched. We'll have people on hand to provide advice and help you with your own research. There will be something for everyone, no matter where your house is situated, so come along and see what we have done. It was also the second year of the archaeological dig. This year we looked to confirm the findings of the initial investigations in 2018 with 3 trenches dug, including a "mega trench" over the mound. The building we uncovered was clearly a building of some importance, given the effort that was put into its construction. Its east – west alignment and the cut slot feature indicates that this could be a chapel. A chapel at this location, close to the church, is most likely to be associated with a manorial complex. The large defensive ditch we uncovered last year was also examined further and we found additional ditches and a large flat central circular feature of unknown purpose. Our attempts to identify if the defensive ditch enclosed the site were not totally conclusive, finding much smaller features than we expected. There were some lovely small finds over the two years that track the long history of this place - from the worked flint pieces that take us back to between 3000 and 1500 BC to a Victorian watch chain. A single small copper Roman coin from Constantine II shows it was occupied in the Roman period. However, most of the finds were Saxon or Mediaeval, including a very rusty knife, a strap end (like the end of a modern-day boot lace) and a belt buckle along with a large quantity of pottery. So where do we go from here....? Well we still have to find the manor house remains so more research and hunting to do. We have also identified a Roman site of interest and we are considering the possibility of digging small test pits around the village to find out more about our past. The History Group is a small amateur group of 7 sometimes 8 people with an interest in the history of this place – if you would like to help, contact us via the History Group web site bartonstaceyhistory.co.uk.

6. Parochial Church Council – Rev. Mark Bailey

The highlight of this year was undoubtedly the completion of the conservation of the medieval encaustic tiles project. The response from the whole village community was fantastic and means that one of the greatest treasures in our midst will now be here for future generations to enjoy. The transfer of care and maintenance of the churchyard into the hands of TVBC has been very smooth and means that the church council are now able to focus on the care and maintenance of the building. An example of this is the recent repairs to the woodwork on the tower roof. The church has continued to play its part in Village life as a community hub for shared events – everything from the VIPs panto, Chamber choir concert, hosting community conversations on the proposed incinerator, weddings, funerals, baptisms and a very busy round of occasions when the Church has been used by our Primary School. Tower tours have also continued to be very popular. The cost of running the Church and funding the post of a vicar have not diminished. This year we are having to raise £20,000 to help fund the post. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helps with the fundraising activities not least to our Fete Committee, the Heavenly Stirrers, the Christmas Fair and to all who support the Church financially. This year also saw the departure of Chris Hebden who has played the organ so faithfully over the years. Roger Witcomb is doing his best in holding the fort for us but if anyone else is willing to step forward to say, play once a month, that would be really helpful.

7. Launchpad, Barton Stacey – report from Jo Parker

Launchpad Early Years was born through the work of Diocese of Winchester's 'Winchester Social Enterprise' (WSE). There are already many successful Church of England Primary schools associated with their local church; and the Launchpad Network exists to strengthen and enhance Early Years links for the benefit of the children and also for the wider community. We believe in providing excellent early years education whilst working with Anglican parishes and local communities so that children have the very best start in life. Our aim is that Launchpads will serve the common good in our communities whilst sharing a common Christian ethos. Launchpad took over Barton Stacey pre-school in June 2019. A new manager was appointed, and one staff member of the original team has continued as a practitioner with in the setting. Over the Summer the Co-ordinator and Manager re arranged the building to provide more space for the children's play. In September a qualified teacher joined as Deputy and a new practitioner, currently undertaking a degree in Early Years. Launchpad was officially opened on the 25th September 2019 by The Right Reverend Tim Dakin, Bishop of Winchester. The children enjoyed taking part in cutting the ribbon with Bishop Tim and having a slice of cake with their families. The pre-school is flourishing and the reaction to the changes implemented have been positive. After school club runs 3 days a week until 6 pm and is full on two out of the three days. Before October half term we agreed to temporarily help Barton Stacey Primary with their before school club, this ran temporarily from October half term until February half term. We were pleased we were able to help until other provision was available. Other highlights in the year have been the planting the sunflower seeds in the summer and seeing the enormous sunflowers

in September and exploring them. The children made Poppies for Remembrance in November and we discussed saying thank you to the armed forces for keeping us safe. In December the Reverend Mark Bailey joined us to read and explain the Christmas story to the children, later that month we had a carol concert where our children sang their favourite songs to their families. In January we bought increased our physical development resources inside and our children have enjoyed an inside climbing frame, teaching them how to negotiate space and playing with others. We celebrated World Book day in March. We look forward to continuing our journey to spread the joy, care and friendship with the young children in Barton Stacey and the surrounding area.

8. Barton Stacey Tuesday Club & Library/Coffee Morning – Report from Peggy Carter

The Tuesday Club have met on 8 occasions since last Annual Meeting. 4 gatherings in the hall, including 2 lunches (Harvest and Christmas) and a Cream tea afternoon when all the non-members who support our meetings were invited, an afternoon at Bransbury Mill and 2 outings. In July we went to Aston Pottery and Gardens and in October to Denbies Winery. At present we have 40 members. Our Constitution does not allow for more than 30% of the membership to come from outside the parishes of Barton Stacey and Bullington. However, anyone is welcome to bring a guest to meetings in the hall on payment of £1 and many do. We are also fortunate to have many people who do not want to become members but like to come on our outings. This helps us to keep the costs down for everyone. Anyone living in Barton Stacey and Bullington aged over 60 is eligible to join the Club. We have a Committee of 8 who try to arrange as wide a range of activities and outings as possible The Committee would like to thank the band of ladies who supply, serve our teas and clear up after the meetings in the hall.

The Library has now been operating since May 2018 and is now held on the second Saturday in the month and the 4th Wednesday. On Saturday mornings it is combined with recycling facilities which has brought more people in and many more are just dropping in for a chat and a coffee. Although it has not been possible to establish a Mum and Baby group on Wednesday afternoons there are now more mothers coming with their babies and young children. The toddlers enjoy the extra space in the hall to be able to run about.

9. Testbourne Parishes - Report from Peggy Carter

It was with a great deal of sadness a decision was taken at the AGM in June last year that because of the age and often poor health of the members and the inability to recruit younger people to twinning there was no alternative to dissolving the Association. In accordance with the Constitution an EGM was arranged for the 15th August when a resolution was put before the members to cease biennial group visits with immediate effect and a further resolution to dissolve the Association by the 31st December 2019. Both resolutions were sadly but unanimously passed. Again in accordance with the Constitution a

Commemorative event was arranged on the 17th November in order to decide what to do with the funds remaining in the Association. At the event – appropriately a lunch at the Clos de Marquis to which current members and those people who had been members for a number of years but had moved away were invited – the members present unanimously agreed that the remaining funds in the Association’s account with the Newbury Building Society should be used to purchase a bench for each of Whitchurch, Barton Stacey and Overton parishes with a plaque inscribed to commemorate the 40 years of the twinning between Testbourne Parishes Twinning Association and Neuvic-sur-l’Isle and that any funds remaining after these purchases were made should be donated to the Kingfisher Centre Charity at Laverstoke and Cancer Research UK in equal shares. The bench donated to Barton Stacey is situated at The Green. All relevant records of the Association have been deposited with the Hampshire Records Office.

10. Barton Stacey Chamber Choir – report by Kate Sarnicki

Kate started by reminding the clerk that her married name is Sarnicki – apologies Kate. This year the choir celebrated their 9th birthday. The choir sing a wide variety of music – classical, folk, pop etc. 2 concerts are usually performed every year. This year the choir all disappeared to Sussex and enjoyed a weekend of recording their repertoire of music and a CD is currently being put together of this music. The idea of the choir is to bring people together. The choir have an influx of new members and there are 40 active singers. We will soon need a bigger church for rehearsals!! Many thanks to the church for accommodating the choir each week for rehearsals and a reminder that new members are always welcome.

11. Barton Stacey WI – report by Vicky Seth, read by Penny Horobin

Good evening everyone. As another year passes I'd like to thank you again for the invitation to speak and the continued support that the Parish Council has offered the WI. Reflecting on my second year as president of the WI, it really has been another busy year for us. The committee has again worked hard to keep everything on track. This year's committee have been: Alison Cooper – Treasurer, Sue Atrill – Secretary, Wendy Harris, Lynn Milne, Rachel Cousins, and our newest edition Penny Horobin (who I hope will be reading these words to you this evening). Last but not least your very own Cheryl Sherwood. I must make a special mention of Cheryl as recently she has decided not to re-join the WI, in order to allow herself precious time to focus on other things. We would like to thank her particularly for all her efforts. I would like to formally take this opportunity to thank the fabulous team publicly for all their hard work,..... cake, biscuits and endless cups of coffee! With our 29 members we have shared a wonderful array of speakers this year. We've covered 'how to wear black'...or not, as it turns out for most of us; free-style flower arranging and 'why we say what we say'. We've become experts in hair and make up and have crafted until we could no more. Our crafting has led to us contributing to a number of different events. Sadly, our crafting demonstration we had planned for the Church fete proved rather quiet, but our table for the Church Christmas Fair was packed with our members'

produce. Our ladies also crocheted poppies to support the Remembrance commemorations for Barton Stacey, Sutton Scotney and the Museum of Army Flying in Middle Wallop. This year we also decided to try our hand at some crafting competitions for the Littleton and Harestock show. We took the 'Best of British' theme and created a miniature church fete on the table, complete with sugar craft Maypole, hand stitched back ground, fresh scones and homemade jam and the most spectacular crocheted winner of the dog show. We were unfortunately, and perhaps somewhat inevitably, pipped to the post by the home team. Although, a lot fun was had by all and the overall table really was the 'best in show'. We've quizzed, we've bowled, we've baked, and we've bingo'd, but most importantly we've had so much fun. Here's to another fun and craft packed year ahead.

12. Hampshire CC – Written report from Councillor Andrew Gibson

Introduction. Hampshire's Highways has been battling over the last month to stop flooding and the rising Ground Water issue. Hopefully we will now see a return to more reasonable rain levels and a degree of normality. However this has left the roads in a very poor state, as we see driving through many of the villages. **Incinerator.** As you all now know Wheelabrator have decided not to proceed with the Incinerator at Longparish on the A303. This demonstrates the power of the people to protect their environment. It was clear from the 10km run on 9th February that residents enthusiastic opposition to the project was not declining. I was one of the 100 runners joined by at least as many supporters who took part in the even on the worst day of the year with winds and rain. Caroline Nokes MP was also marshalling at the windiest corner of the run. It was just over a week later that Wheelabrator called to tell us that the project was being withdrawn. I ran from Barton Stacey to Longparish but I was impressed by the strong turnout in such atrocious weather. **Facts and Figures** Hampshire's population is 1,376,300(2018) the third most populous county in England (85% is rural and 15% urban). Hampshire CC maintains 5400 miles of roads, 4300 miles pavements, 133,000 streetlights, 481 schools, 45 libraries, 3 Discovery Centres and 1 e-library, 16 care homes with 960 beds for older people, 9 residential homes for children and young people, 24 Household Waste Centres and 5 Country Parks. Every year 94% of all household waste is diverted from landfill (40% recycled) is burnt for energy and powers 50,000 homes. Every day 454,000 people travel to work by car or van, 86,000 bus journeys are made, and 4% journeys are by train. More than half of Hampshire's EU citizens have signed up to the Government's EU settlement scheme. **Budget** (2020-21) includes spending £2.1 billion on delivering important public services 1.3 million residents during the next financial year. One-off investment is pledged for tackling climate change (up to £2 million) and an extra £2 million each year for fixing potholes, with an additional £3 million for 2020/21. This is on top of the £10 million spent annually on Operation Resilience - the long-term strategy to ensure Hampshire's road network is more resilient to the impact of heavy traffic and worsening winters. Social care pressures top the list of priorities with number of people aged 75+ in Hampshire increasing by almost a third over the next few years. The County Council agreed

a 3.99% increase in the council tax precept from 1 April 2020 – of which 2% is specifically for adult social care. Hampshire is still the 2nd lowest council tax of all counties in England. HCC will also propose major investment in Hampshire's economy, jobs and the quality of the environment - with projects totalling £386.5 million over the next three years. Schemes include: £94.8 million for new and extended school buildings in Hampshire to ensure a school place for every child in Hampshire – and 19,100 new school places by September 2023. £115.8 million for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire. £830,000 to deal with the impact of ash die back disease. £3.2m LED Street lighting replacement scheme. £45.8 million for integrated transport schemes including over £10 million specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements. **Climate Change** Hampshire County Council has been taking active steps to ensure Hampshire is resilient to climate change and in mitigating further changes through carbon reduction measures. HCC's own emissions have reduced by more than 43%, with more than a 50% reduction by 2025 and carbon neutrality by 2050. The **2050 Hampshire Commission of Enquiry** placed climate change and the environment as its top priority. In the budget HCC pledged £2m towards climate change measures in addition to the capital schemes outlined above. HCC is aware its greatest leadership and influence will be achieved by working in partnership with the District, City and Parish Councils, businesses and communities. At a household level HCC is supporting the county-wide Greening Campaign -this aims to find simple solutions around reducing and measuring power consumption, insulating housing stock, reducing water usage, sourcing local food, community travel and renewable energy schemes. Parish representatives will be invited to attend our regular climate change briefing events. **PS** If you would like to adopt a tree at **Sir Harold Hillier Gardens**, then please call the team on [01794 369318](tel:01794369318). **Public Health -Coronavirus (Covid-19)** Hampshire County Council continues to keep a close watch on the Coronavirus outbreak with processes in place to respond if and when required. A small number of cases have been confirmed in the UK. Hampshire residents can stay up to date with the latest information and guidance on gov.uk/coronavirus. **Schools** 2019 GCSE performance statistics confirmed that Hampshire pupils continue to perform better than their peers nationally at the end of year 11 along with over 90% of our schools being judged as good or outstanding by Ofsted. **Councillor Grants** This year I supported the following local causes in my Division. The scheme is now closed until 1st June but I am happy to report that I have supported Good Neighbours, Village Agent programmes, Village Hall projects such as a screen for films and support for Village Hall activity groups and green tree planting projects.

13. Test Valley Borough Council – report by Cllr David Drew

Pleased that the churchyard is looking good. Huge success that Wheelabrator have gone, just shows the power of teamwork which included Caroline Nokes, County council and TVBC. Test Valley Borough Council are responsible for:-housing, planning, waste collection and homelessness/rough sleepers. TVBC have £12m to spend this year (compared to HCC who have £12bn) Council tax has increased by £5 and a Band D from £141 to £146. TVBC

also provide grants for groups. They helped the parish council purchase the cycle racks. Cllr Drew has £1800 to give away. They provided sand bags to Chilbolton. Climate change is very important and their report is soon to go to full council for approval. The Hampshire and Isle of Wight air ambulance had 168 call outs last year. Cllr Drew also sits on the School forum alongside HCC. HCC have £1bn this year to spend on schools.

14. Barton Stacey Primary School – Written Report Lee Stangroom – Head of School

Our learning projects continue to inspire, excite and engage our children. Projects in the Autumn term focussed on key questions for our children to explore and answer through their learning: Can curiosity change the world?; What is the difference between surviving and living?; Why is it important to explore? (The Adventures of Christopher Columbus); and What is it like to be an explorer? To bring their learning to life, Year 5/6 children experienced a wonderful visit to the UK Headquarters of IBM, learning how technology can be used to improve the sustainability of the school in areas such as energy usage and waste. Our Year 3/4 children lived like Vikings for a day, whilst children in Year 1/2 had to persevere as members of Columbus' crew, particularly during a 'scurvy' outbreak (designing healthy menus and instilling a new fitness schedule soon got the crew shipshape though!). Our children in Year R, a very welcome addition to the school, discovered that a train and boat awaited them in their classroom and have experienced a wealth of outdoor learning opportunities too. At the beginning of the academic year, we welcomed Miss Brewster to the school, who is our new Year R/1 teacher and an excellent addition to our staff team.

During October, the school celebrated its annual Harvest Festival at All Saints Church. This year we decided to take a different approach to supporting others at Harvest time, as suggested by our School Council, who were keen to support children and families in the Bahamas affected by Hurricane Dorian. From encouraging families to make donations in a bucket at the end of each school day, having a dress-down day in colourful, tropical clothing, and donations during the Harvest Festival service itself, the school was able to raise over £250 for UNICEF's Children's Emergency Fund. The school kitchen was even able to provide Caribbean inspired food for lunch too! On 25th October, the school celebrated Diwali Day, beginning with Collective Worship to consider how Christians prepare for and celebrate religious festivals; the children were then able to read the book 'Dipal's Diwali' together and spoke maturely about the similarities in how the two religions prepared to celebrate festivals. They learnt that Hindus tidy the home prior to Diwali; buy new clothes to wear during the festival; decorate their homes with bright yellow marigolds, diyas and rangoli patterns; prepare many foods and sweets for the celebration; and visit the temple with offerings. The children were then told the story of Rama and Sita and how the festival of light came to be. The children, working in their Worship Families, then spent time in each class throughout the day, preparing for our own Diwali Festival. In Snowy Owl Class, the children created salt dough diya lamps and painted them; in Barn Owl Class the children created masks and puppets to help retell the story of Rama and Sita; in Hawk Owl Class the children designed Rangoli and Mendi patterns, with some challenging themselves to achieve accurate symmetry; and in Eagle Owl Class the children created Diwali lanterns, focusing on using the nets of 3D shapes to help achieve this. Parents were invited to join us for Worship at the end of the day and were welcomed in to the school building by rows of Diwali lanterns made by the children. The children confidently discussed their day's learning with our invited guests, particularly Kate Hearn in Year 6, who narrated the Rama and Sita story

from memory as her Worship Family told it using their masks and puppets. Throughout Diwali Day the children worked wonderfully in their Worship Families, the older children supporting younger members of the Family to understand the festival and its customs, and to demonstrate this through the art projects they completed. On 11 November the Juniors led the Remembrance Service at All Saints Church. This year, the Royal British Legion asked us all to 'Remember Together' and to pause - mute our phones, close our laptops, switch off the telly – for just two minutes and pay our respects to our Armed Forces community, past and present. This year we also remembered friends, allies, and Commonwealth nations who joined Britain in defending its freedoms, values, and way of life. 2019 marked the 75th anniversary of three important battles that took place during World War II: Monte Cassino; D-Day; and Imphal and Kohima, which took place in India. The children were keen to highlight these events and created some beautiful artwork and models to demonstrate their learning: a model of Monte Cassino with poetry and diary entries; a collage scene depicting the boats and battles on the Normandy beaches; and a lift-the-flap story map, which told the story of the two forgotten battles in India. Each class also created a poppy wreath, containing a poppy made by each member of the class, and children presented these at the front of the church as the school choir beautifully sang. On 23rd October and 5th December, the school held an open morning and afternoon for our new Reception year in September 2020. Both events were very well attended by families and it was wonderful to observe once again that a number of families from out of catchment are interested in what our wonderful school has to offer. Our children continue to carry out their many roles around the school with enthusiasm and dedication. The Eco Ambassadors presented their recycling initiatives to the school during Collective Worship, leading on the concept of caring for God's World, and continue to present an award during each Celebration Worship to celebrate the 'green' achievements of our children. Following training earlier in the term, our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO's) organised a 'Be Bright, Be Seen' day to educate children about the importance of being seen by vehicles when out and about during the darker evenings. They presented to the school as part of a Collective Worship, spoke to parents and children from their stall at both Parents Evenings, and sold reflective items too. During Internet Safety Day on, our eCadets led workshops in each of the classes, discussing at an age-appropriate level the steps children can take to ensure they remain safe online and when using technology. They were also able to present their work during a parent workshop too. As a school and Federation, we are continually looking at how we can further support the wellbeing of our children and staff. This year we introduced weekly Relax Kids sessions to focus on yoga, relaxation and mindfulness and all children have spoken positively about the effects of this. We are also very aware of the impact and benefits of sport and exercise on mental health and have introduced many new sporting opportunities and taster workshops: Maths on the Move (which combines active sport with the learning of key maths concepts); tri-golf; fundamental sports skills for our youngest children; Skip 2 B Fit; Box 2 B Fit; cricket; and the Golden Mile. As a Federation, we are also currently part of a Government Wellbeing pilot programme run by the Primary Behaviour Service (PBS), looking at strategies to support all of our children and staff. The New Year began with a school focus on the spiritual development of our children. The school has developed a Spirituality Framework which focuses on different types of 'moments':

'Mirror moments' are when think about ourselves

Mirror moments are leaning to love yourself.

Some questions that help us notice 'mirror moments':

What am I like as a person?

What makes me unique?

What makes me me?

'Door moments' happen when we think about others

Door moments are about learning to love one another (it's about putting yourself in someone else's shoes and opening the door in to someone else's world).

Door moments are all about respect for others, showing love and kindness and valuing all the diverse people that live in God's world.

Door moments are about valuing the opinions of others, even if you don't agree with those opinions.

'Window moments' occur when we think about and notice all the beautiful things in God's world.

Window moments are about learning to love God's world.

Window moments are about beauty in our environment, art and in music.

What makes you look through the 'window' and go 'Wow!?'

'Candle moments' are times when we consider beyond what we can see in front of us

If you can't see something, is it real?

Candle moments are about things that you can't see, touch or hear, but that you feel in your heart.

Candle moments are about searching for meaning and asking big questions.

Candle moments are about learning to love God.

Each moment has been discussed as part of Collective Worship for two weeks and the children have been able to respond to each take-away task back in class through discussion, art, writing, music and film. Spirituality Time has also been introduced each Wednesday morning, enabling the children to further respond to spiritual questions. Classes have been able to explore the school grounds, photographing 'window moments' in God's world; listen to music that moves them; consider what makes them special and unique, with one class giving mirror affirmations; and consider how we might open doors to others in need. As a Federation we continue to grow, sharing expertise across our two schools to support all children to be the best they can be. The Federation Governing Body continues to grow in strength and expertise and we thank our dedicated team of individuals for their commitment in helping to ensure the best outcomes for our children and staff. We thank them and the rest of the school community for supporting us this academic year.

15. Barton Stacey Football Club –written report from Robin Hoare

This season we have run 3 teams. Under 15s, Under 18s in the Testway youth league and a mens team in the Andover Sunday league. All 3 teams look like they will finish mid table in their respective divisions. They have all run top of the table teams to close games and either won or lost by the odd goal, beaten the teams at the bottom but mid table teams which they should be beating they have usually under performed. We are hoping to run U16s under 18s and mens team next season. It's a shame due to weather we have not played a game since the 1st week of December 2019 and cannot see any games being played on the rec anytime soon.

16. VIP Drama Club – Written report submitted after the meeting from Kate Connor

2019 was a good year for the VIPs in spite of having to rest the Junior Group for a year. In the absence of a junior production, we organised for a trip to London during February half term for the children (and parents and other group members) to see a preview performance of Dreamworks "Prince of Egypt". A fabulous evening was had by all. Hopes to do it again and make it a more regular event. Another very successful Scarecrow Festival was held, with plans starting to form for the 2020 festival. Entries from private households, community groups and businesses are all accepted! A brilliant production of "Honk!" was performed in November - thanks to all who helped or participated in any way possible and thanks also to everyone who comes to see performances or supports us in other ways. The Junior Group is restarting with a little help from the school, we are starting with 3 taster sessions (starting this week) to allow children to come and give it a go and see if they want to join for a production. Hopefully this will boost our numbers enough to be able to continue the Junior group through to the summer.

17. Barton Stacey Zero Waste – Report from Donna Oliver

The aim is to provide a greener environment and reduce our impact on earth. Reduce, reuse, refuse, repair, rehome, rot and recycle. We shouldn't just aim to have our brown bin fuller but many other ways. The campaign has grown in size since its inception. Both Instagram and Facebook pages. The PC encourage the Zero Waste group to be part of the Saturday library sessions as a drop off for various items. Various items then go to charities. If an item is brought in for the repair shop it will be given to a volunteer who in turn does the work and then the item will be returned. We hosted a Nothing new November event hosted by the Swan and funds went to the Abel Foundation. The pub also hosted a table top sale and money went to charity. A clothes exchange also has taken place at the Saturday library session. A community compost heap will be built at the allotments in 2020 and also looking into a sustainability day. The Primary school have Eco-ambassadors and many Eco bricks have been made by students. Have also been building relationships with other parishes. The village Facebook page is good for residents who are wanting to get rid of something but may be use for someone else. Village shop is helping with items such as bees wax wraps and glass milk bottles. The PC is almost paperless now and new signs are made from recycled materials. The newsletter uses recycled paper and vegan ink. The group was created in 2019 but not as a result of Wheelabrator, but to protect the environment and the next generation.

18. Village Agent – not present

19. Barton Stacey Church fete – Report from George Cobb

The 2019 Church Fete took place on a very hot summers day in July. We were warmly welcomed by the Williamson-Jones family to Wades House to hold our 778th annual fete, following the theme of our beautiful setting; A Great British Garden Fete. The day was a great success and appeared to be enjoyed by all those that came along. Ocean Brass played

a wonderful soundtrack to accompany our traditional stalls and games. One or two new events proved popular- the Men's Crawling Race springs to mind here! Although, I am sad to announce that 2019 will be the only Men's Crawling Race- one best resigned to the history books! I must thank all those who took part – I hope your knees have recovered! In total the fete raised just over £5,300 - a fantastic result and one for the whole village to feel proud of. This year, the committee also produced a village calendar. These have sold far better than we ever could have imagined. The sale of these has made a further £460! Last year's fete was my first as chair. In my first year, I was heavily supported by the outgoing chair – Ian Ashbolt. I would like to thank him for this. Taking the reins of such an anticipated and loved event is both daunting and exciting. As I write this, plans are being made for this year's fete, which will be held on Saturday July 4th – those of you that purchased a village calendar will already know that! This year's theme will be one based around World War Two, more details will follow shortly. Please also keep your eyes peeled for Jazz in the Village, an intimate concert taking place in June. Thank you for supporting the 2019 fete- we look forward to you joining us again this year.

20. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – written report by Ian Ashbolt

Firstly, my apologies for not being there this evening. Barton Stacey continues to be a very low crime area. During the past 12 months there has been. Domestic disputes – 8. Theft from the filling station on the A303 – 9, Caution for possession of small amount of drugs – 1, break into an out building/garage – 1. I cannot get any other information from the Police website other than the details given above. My contact with any officer/PCSO is limited to the ad-hoc bulletins they sent out by email which I re-distribute by email to over 50 households.

21. Dever Events and Services – report by Sarah Oakley

DES was set up in 2017 as a CIC umbrella company for events and finance and insurance for events. This was led by Jonny White who has since left the village. DES was subject to a full audit and submission of accounts. It was felt by the committee that it was not value for money and has now been dissolved. Events will continue to go ahead in the parish. Much equipment that was purchased is for use for anyone who requires them – projector screen, sound system, road signs and bunting.

22. Village Hall Management Group – report by Sarah Oakley

The Village hall continues to attract many community groups. Most evenings have some sort of booking along with some day time ones too including the Tuesday Club, band practise and a phonics group for young children. The rates continue to stay low. Many thanks to the committee for all their hard work over the year.

23. Bell Ringers – no report

24. Swans Netball Club – report by Becky O’Mara

I am delighted to report the Netball Club goes from strength to strength. We started out in May 2018 as a group of ladies looking to get fit, lots of mums with young children who hadn’t either played netball in a long time or hadn’t ever played. Roll forward two years and what a change we have seen. We have 21 members (13 of which are from the parish) We train once a week, and have two teams in the Andover league – Black and Silver Swans. We have also recently won a tournament, this is our trophy! We have a very active social calendar with trips to watch the professionals on the courts, several tournaments and plenty of team building activities. Netball offers a unique blend of physical, mental and social benefit to the women of the village. There are no other activities which offer this on a consistent basis for women within the parish. Its more than chucking a ball about. I know we have a positive impact on the lives of the women that play for us. The physical benefits of netball are obvious. But there are so many other benefits including: getting out of the house in the evenings, committing to something for themselves that’s not work or their families and making new friends. They are also learning new skills as they coach and lead the teams, volunteer their time on the committee or organise social events. We are becoming such a draw that we have even had ladies who have signed with the team before completing on their house purchase! Interestingly we are also having an impact on the next generation as the children of the team members see their mums playing sport and being part of a great team. It fills me with pride that we are making it happen for the women of the parish. As the evenings get lighter in May, we will be returning to train at the MUGA in Barton Stacey. We would then be looking to recruit some new members – so look out for our adverts or contact the Barton Stacey Swans on Facebook. We will also be applying for support from the Parish Council to ensure that we can continue to offer this amazing sport to the women of the parish whilst keeping the costs low as I would never want that to be a barrier for anyone joining the team. What a year 2019 was for the Club. I can’t wait to continue to celebrate their success, as 2020 is shaping up to be even better!

25. Any other business – none

Sue Gaines thanked everyone for coming.

2130 - Meeting Closed