

Sibford Ferris

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on **Thursday 21st May 2026** from **7pm to 7:15pm** in **Sibford School.**

Present: Cllr Ginny Bennett (Chairman), Cllr Michael Gordon, Cllr David Abecassis, 2 members of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies – The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

2. Report from Parish Council Chairman – I would like to welcome you all to the Annual Parish Meeting. Since the Annual Parish Meeting last year, the village has seen the erection of a replacement bus shelter with bench. The first one had been damaged by the bus shortly after being put up.

We have a 20mph speed limit in place and whilst not observed by all drivers, if it helps to slow the traffic a little, coming down the hill into the village particularly, then it is beneficial.

The new signage at the Elm Crossroads is proving to be effective, as we are not aware of any reported incidents during the last year.

Also, at the crossroads the bottle bank pods have been removed due to now having the facility of home glass recycling. I hope that this means we will not have the fly tipping issues that have occurred in the past.

We are continuing to communicate with Cherwell District Councillors and our County Councillor, regarding planning matters and information.

The new development on the Hook Norton Road is complete, and many residents have moved in. We welcome them and hope that they will settle into village life and really join in the community.

We're working to get a gap in the hedge opened up at the end of the pathway across the Meadow at Stour View. Also, there is a gap in the hedge on the Hook Norton Road which is under discussion.

We continue to manage the council finances and amenities and endeavour to keep the village looking nice.

Our council has changed a little since the last parish meeting.

We have said goodbye to Andrew Meyler and would like to thank him for the work he did for the council.

We are now joined by David Abecassis and hope that he will find us an open and friendly group.

I would like to thank Councillors Michael Gordon, and Edward Rossiter, and our clerk Kirsty Buttle, for their hard work and look forward to another exciting year.

3. Any other issues parishioners wish to discuss – A resident raised concerns about speeding in the parish which has resulted in the death of at least 3 cats in a short period of time recently. The resident regularly sees people speeding at peak times and they wondered what can be done to try to reduce the speeds in the village. A discussion was held regarding various options such as Speedwatch (this has been ruled out by the police due to the lack of sufficient lines of sight in the village), vehicle activated signs, additional road signs, and chicanes. It was agreed that the council will discuss this in the main PC meeting following this meeting as it is an item on the agenda.

Meeting closed @ 7:37pm.