

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2019

ITEM NO: 13 – Annual Parish Meeting (APM) 24th March 2020

This information report highlights the need to commence preparations for the APM in order to ensure that early agenda notification can be made to the Parish Community and contributors can be invited well in advance

Information

The next Annual Parish Meeting (APM) takes place next year on the 24th March 2020.

The APM's in both in 2018 and 2019 were very successful as a showcase for activities and services within the Parish with a number of contributors making presentations. Billed as 'celebration' events, they functioned particularly well in highlighting activities which often go unnoticed.

For 2020, it could be that we would continue to wish to replicate some part of that 'celebration' focus, using further updates from specific groups or indeed, new groups. Many of those groups would, it is clear, welcome continued exposure and the ability to update on their work.

I would propose that the work of our Advisory committees is included within orbit of the Chairman's report on the work of the Parish Council, given that we are one of the 'reporting bodies' at the APM

However, there are also some other matters which might be useful to include (these are just ideas at this stage):

1. A further update on progress by the Parish Hall Committee on work undertaken following the previous presentation and the activities / developments which have taken place since – this would demonstrate a continued partnership of work between the Parish Council and the PHC.
2. A substantive update on the developments undertaken within and about the creation of a 5 Year Local Parish Plan, together with a discussion about the next suite of priorities to be added (This section would also need to include any interim developments, such as the Local VDS Village Design Statement and also, if still appropriate/ready by then, an initiation of a consultative process on community transport,

However, for this preparation, ideas from other are welcomed.

We would also wish to undertake year three of our Annual Parish Award.

Ideally, we need to have the APM agenda organised and finalised by no later than the date of the February meeting of the Parish Council so as to provide plenty of lead time for the respective invited presenters and contributors to prepare.

Recommendation

It is proposed that any ideas which Parish Councillors may have for items for the APM should be forwarded to the Clerk to the Council over the next few weeks and a follow up report will be prepared for the January meeting with a suggested agenda.

Simon Lucas

November 29th 2019