

**MINUTES OF THE SHIPTON GORGE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Wednesday 12 April 2017 at 7.30pm**

There were 3 parishioners, 6 Councillors and the Clerk present. Apologies

11.47 Chairman's introductory remarks

Welcome everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting. For those that haven't attended one of these meetings previously can I briefly explain that this is not a Parish Council meeting but a general meeting of the parish where things can be discussed on any subject relevant to the parish and for an exchange of views and ideas. The Annual Parish Meeting is a much older institution than the Parish Council and is held by all **villages regardless of whether they have a parish council or not.**

Where a parish has is a parish council, it is required that the chairman presides.

Traditionally we invite representatives from organisations in the parish to give us a brief resume of their activities.

We will start with the minutes of last year's meeting. These have been on the parish website during the past year for everyone to see and so I do not propose to read them unless parishioners would like me to. However they do need to be approved by this meeting.

11.48 Apologies for Absence

Cllr John Porter, representative of the Church.

11.49 To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13 April 2016.

The meeting did not require these to be read and so were taken as read and unanimously approved. Proposed Simon Cleveland. Seconded Hilary Cunningham.

11.50 Chairman's Report from the Parish Council.

Two councillors resigned during the year but we were pleased to welcome Diane Buckenham as a new councillor, leaving just one vacancy which has not yet been filled. We would like a further councillor to ensure a diversity of views and opinions which gives us the ability to better represent everyone in the parish. If you, or anyone you know, might be considering becoming a councillor then please do let either myself or the clerk know and we'd be pleased to explain what is entailed.

*We have **two committees on the Parish Council** - Planning and Playing Field chaired respectively by Richard Cunningham and John Porter. There will be reports from both later.*

First a quick recap of the Parish Council's activities during the past year -

Fingerposts. *Thanks to the determination and hard work of Christine Huxtable all the fingerposts in the village, with the exception of the one on the triangle of Barr & Smacombe Lanes, have been completely refurbished and I think you will all agree they look splendid. We owe a great debt to Christine for doing this almost single handedly, and thanks to her begging and bartering replacement parts at minimal or no cost, these have been completed within budget. We still plan to do the final one in the coming year, although this is a much bigger job and we will need to budget for this or obtain a further grant to complete it. Christine tells me this is in hand. Simon Cleveland commented that this was a major aspect in the village entry in the Best Kept Village.*

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Village website. Unfortunately we haven't been able to make the progress we would have liked with the new website. Nigel Wheeler, our webmaster, has found it to be more difficult than first thought and he will be giving us an update on this later on.

Our **Annual Spring Clean and Litter Pick** will be held on Saturday 29th April, meeting at 10am at the New Inn as usual. Last year we had a good turnout and we hope again you will come along and help us. It doesn't take long and as the village is again entered in the Best Kept Village Competition, it will be good to see it tidied up before the summer. Gerry Pyke was thanked for his vigilant regular Litter Picks in the village.

I'm sure you will all be aware that we are about to have a **Defibrillator (please see report below)** in the village and we thank the Village Hall Committee for allowing this to be sited on the outside wall of the hall, and also for arranging its installation, which should take place in the next few weeks. We had hoped that Kate Fisher from the South West Ambulance Trust would have been able to come to this meeting to answer any questions you may have on this, but as she is not able to be here I have prepared a paper that I hope will answer most queries. Copies are available around the hall. Myself, the clerk and the councillors present will be pleased to answer any other questions on this if we are able to. Some questions were asked about usage of the Defibrillator. Again please see report below.

During the year we were told that our **red telephone kiosk** in Brook Street was to be removed by BT because of lack of use. As we believe that residents overwhelmingly want to retain this iconic kiosk in the centre of our village, we have followed many other villages in "adopting" it from BT and the equipment will shortly be removed. The question now is what we use it for and a number of suggestions have been made. We would very much like to hear your views and ideas for its future use. Management/cleaning of the kiosk was also discussed and it was hoped to get village volunteers.

Now for the future – this is rather depressing but there are many changes afoot at the moment and with the coming of a Unitary Authority in Dorset from 2019, rather than the present District and County Councils, all parishes are going to be under great pressure to take on further activities and responsibilities within the parish. Nothing is yet clear as to exactly what these may be but it seems likely that we will be having to organise a lot more of the maintenance currently carried out by the larger councils. This could include grass and verge cutting, drain clearance and goodness knows what else. We don't yet know if these extra responsibilities will be discretionary or forced upon us, but as a small parish with very limited resources I can see that we will struggle to take on the organisation of any extra work. This was not felt that the village could take on extra responsibilities and that further discussion was needed. Maybe there was a need for a village meeting?

You will also know that our **210 bus service** is being withdrawn completely and despite vociferous appeals it now seems likely that some form of Community Bus organised privately between the Bride Valley villages may be the only answer for our future public transport. Again this needs manpower to organise and that is what we are so desperately short of in this village. If we cannot find a way then it is our young people, those without their own transport and the elderly who will find themselves increasingly isolated. Cllr MB had sent a letter to the Bridport News and it was agreed she should re-send this.

So the village itself is likely within the next year to have to make some difficult decisions on what, as a community, is important for us and what we want or are able to take on doing or organising for ourselves. This is not something that the Parish Council can do on its own and so I ask all organisations to consider and let us know what services are important to them in the village and how they might be able to help. It is organisation rather than funding that is going to be the issue, so what we need is people willing to help out with this. Again Cllr MB reiterated the need for the residents of Shipton Gorge to be aware of the situation – again a village meeting was thought to be useful?

Finally, I would like to thank all those who serve on the Parish Council and our clerk, Paula Biss, without whom we would find it impossible to do what we do. The work that councillors do is not always obvious but without them taking on this voluntary role we as a village, would be very much poorer and have little say, if any, as to what happens in our village. As I've mentioned we will have in the next few years to determine

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our own future much more so we are grateful to those who have served on the council but we all will need to do much, much more in the future. At present the Council does have a voice and Simon Cleveland offered to volunteer if needed.

We shall now move on with the agenda, copies of which are around the hall. There will be an opportunity for anyone to bring up any issues they would like discussed towards the end of the meeting but if there are any questions on items in my report, either myself or one of the councillors present will be happy to answer them.

Defibrillator information

Many villages now have community defibrillators and whether we should have one was brought up at our November 2016 meeting. The clerk made enquiries and the following information is designed to answer questions that residents may have on this and where we are now with this project.

We have liaised with South West Ambulance Trust (SWAT) and the British Heart Foundation (BHF)

Usefulness of a community defibrillator and how it works.

- 1) There was some concern expressed about the effectiveness of having a community defibrillator so we contacted the Ambulance Trust for their views and spoke to Kate Fisher the co-ordinator for SWAT. Usually someone rings 999 when there is an incident and once a defibrillator is installed and registered with the Ambulance Trust, the caller is advised if there is a defibrillator within 200 metres. If there is they can either go and collect it themselves or ask someone else to do so, meanwhile hopefully they or someone else would carry out CPR until the defibrillator arrives. It might be difficult if there was only one person trying to do all of this but that didn't happen very often as a first reaction of most people is to get help. Without a local defibrillator the alternative is to either continue CPR until paramedics arrived or if not trained to do so, simply wait for the ambulance.
- 2) Community defibrillators are very easy to use, and the instructions are simple and clear with no possibility of error. It cannot be activated unless there is a need.
- 3) The South West Ambulance Trust are not able to give exact figures on the success of using community defibrillators but there are several thousand overall uses of defibrillators in Dorset per year. There were numerous success stories and the one given as an example was where a person collapsed with a cardiac arrest in Bucky Doo Square in Bridport and their survival was totally down to a defibrillator in the Masonic Hall being used.

Decision to go ahead

- 4) The Parish Council agreed to obtain a Defibrillator for the village at its meeting in January.
- 5) The council made an application to the British Heart Foundation on our behalf for an iPad defibrillator in an unlocked cabinet and subsequently it was confirmed that this had been successful. There is therefore no charge to the Parish Council for the equipment.
- 6) On advice from Kate Fisher of SWAT we were advised not to have a locked keypad entry cabinet as inevitably people are in a panic when someone has had a cardiac arrest and having to dial 999 and then remember a code to get into the cabinet can waste valuable time.
- 1) She confirmed that there have been no cases of vandalism, damage or other problems with unlocked cabinets in Dorset. The equipment would have to be included in our insurance and we can confirm that our policy already covers for up to £5,000 for a defibrillator so no extra premium is required.

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Location

- 1) Various options have been looked at and it has been agreed that locating the defibrillator on the outside wall of the village hall would be the best location. It is where the largest number of people congregate at one time and is also the most central so as to cover the 200m distance.
- 2) Although the unit itself has self charging batteries, it is necessary to have a power supply to ensure a steady temperature, and possibly for a low wattage light if this is deemed necessary.

Installation and training

- 3) The Village Hall Committee have confirmed that they would be happy with this and have agreed to arrange its installation, which the Parish Council will pay for. At the same time they are having an external power supply installed for their own use, something that they have been intending to arrange for some time. The cost of the work will be £210 + VAT, which the parish council can reclaim, and this includes the external power supply for the hall.
- 4) Once the defibrillator is in place we will contact Kate Fisher at SWAT as she will then register it with the emergency services.
- 5) Four large boxes have been delivered with the equipment and also our BHF Training Kit which contains posters, leaflets, USB stick with a short film and various other information. The training is called "Call Push Rescue Training" and as well as learning how to use the defibrillator itself the participants will also receive CPR training.
- 6) We also need to let everyone in the village know that we have one and where it is. The Bride Valley News, notice boards and website as well as word of mouth will be used.
- 7) We are expected to run the "Call Push Rescue Training" course for up to 10 people, and these will all receive a certificate on completion. The Parish Council feel this training should be opened up to anyone in the village who would like to attend, as the more people who are trained, particularly in CPR, the better. This will also further increase awareness of the fact that a defibrillator is installed.
- 8) The date for the training will be advertised when it is agreed but is likely to be held on one of the days that the hall is already reserved by the Parish Council, which will be the second Wednesday of an even month.

Our clerk and Richard Cunningham, our vice-chairman, have both been involved in making this happen for the village and may have further information if any is required.

11.51 Parish Council Reports

Finance – Cllr Christine Huxtable – CH explained that Responsible Finance Officer she worked closely with the Internal Auditor, Peter Varney and the Parish Clerk, Paula Biss to maintain correct records for the Parish Council. The expenses for the Council are under precept and within individual budgets with the exception of Village Hall Rent – two years have been paid this financial year, parish council expenses – councillors have put in for more expenses this year, and subscriptions – it was decided to pay subscription for SLCC which had not previously been felt necessary. The Playing Field spends a minimal amount and does well, both and now and historically, to keep within the PF budget. CH felt Graham Rosamond did an excellent job maintaining the PField.

Planning – RC felt it a shame that the Neighbourhood Plan had not come to fruition as this would have made forward planning within the village would have been helpful

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Playing Field - Councillor John Porter. In JP's absence the report was read by MB. During the last 12 months a picnic table has been added to the playing field and situated near the swings. This has proved very popular with the parents while watching their children on the swings. Unfortunately, one of the football goal posts had rusted beyond repair and the other one was subject to misuse making that also irreparable. Both have now been removed from the park and disposed of. On the maintenance side, the park has been looked after by Mr Graham Rosamund, who has done another excellent job this year. Cutting the grass, organising the hedges to be cut and cutting tree branches where necessary also any general maintenance as and when required. There will be an announcement in the Bride Valley News of a maintenance day to generally tidy up the park, paint and/or stain various items within the playground.

Resilience - A full Community Emergency Plan for Shipton Gorge was completed, and having been approved by the Parish council, was submitted to the following:-

Paula Biss - Clerk to Parish Council
Mary Boughton - Chair to Parish Council
Jess Rice - Dorset Councils Partnership
Resilience Co-ordinator Bridport Town Council
Dorset County Council Emergency Planning Service
West Dorset District Council Resilience Co-ordinator
Dave Ash - Police Community Support
Sally Parker - Homewatch Co-ordinator
Richard Hewlett - Village Hall Trust
Eddy Buck - Village Society

The overall plan is held by Gerry Pyke and John Porter.

Within the plan is a telephone tree comprising 16 names of villagers who, when contacted, will spread the word of any resilience matter arising.

Should the need arise for any change of name, moving house for example, please let Gerry or John know.

It would be very much appreciated if, as requested, villagers will keep the " TAKE NOTE " document distributed to all households back last Spring safely to hand.

Rights of Way – Wally Axford

I have nothing to report regarding Rights of Way since my last contact with you in March. I still await concerns from residents, but perhaps these will come now the good weather has arrived and cattle are back in the fields.

I have reported the broken finger post in Burbitt Lane, and asked DCC for a supply of signs so that I can tackle these issues myself.

Webmaster Report - No report was received.

11.52 Reports from representatives from local organisations

New Inn Support – Caroline Taylor.

NISL would like to apologise for its absence. Its report is as follows:

NISL OVERVIEW

As most of you know NISL is a limited non-profit making company set up ten years ago to save the pub from closure. NISL lease the pub from Palmers Brewery and then sub-lease to a landlord to run as their own business. Last year was a time for change when our incumbent landlady, Marilyn Hewitt, retired and we endeavoured to find a successor for the position.

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After appointing a specialist agent, and a long process of advertising, reviewing shortlisted CVs and business proposals, and interviewing the only four potential candidates who applied, we were delighted to welcome Simone and Jason Freeman as the new tenants of The New Inn in October. They have already made great inroads to the continued success of the pub, with some encouraging reviews on TripAdvisor and Facebook. As a young and very enthusiastic couple, they work extremely hard to ensure that, not only that their business is a success, but that the New Inn continues to provide a valuable asset to the village and invites visitors into the area.

FUNDRAISING & USE OF FUNDS

NISL's company accounts and tax are up to date, with the Company year-end being 28th February, we are in the process of finalising the 2016/2017 Accounts and Tax return.

We have had a very successful year of fundraising for the purpose of tenant handover, with over £5,000 being raised. NISL would like to thank all those who assisted with the various events, and to all those who donated. Funds continue to be applied solely to pub-related expenditures, and this year has seen an internal renovation / redecoration of the Pub – we would also like to recognise and thank the FONI's (Friends of the New Inn) for their help and assistance in these matters. Additionally NISL has purchased all of the pub assets (with the exception of the till and coffee machine) and we now lease these to the tenants.

GOVERNANCE

NISL Board currently comprises of following Directors, who all work without remuneration:-

- o Eric Benedict (Chair)*
- o Sally Parker (Events + Maintenance / FONI)*
- o Heather Puttock (Events)*
- o Ashley Harrow (Treasurer)*
- o Caroline Taylor (Secretary)*

We would also like to take this opportunity to formally thank Alex Drew who retired from the Board at the end of 2016 but continues to support the pub by devising the popular monthly quiz.

The NISL Board remains committed to ensuring the continued trading of the New Inn as we enter the second decade of the existing lease arrangements with Palmers.

RELATIONSHIP WITH PALMERS

We still enjoy a strong and good relationship with Palmers who very much support the on-going lease arrangements that currently run through to 2018.

We have commenced negotiations to renew the lease for a further 6 year period from June 2018, and should sign that lease sometime this year.

MAINTENANCE AND FONIS

We have an on-going programme of planned maintenance activities which are undertaken in conjunction with the FONIs, whom we thank for their continued support.

FUTURE OF THE NEW INN

As you will all appreciate, the running of a public house in a small village is no mean feat. We have high hopes that our new tenants will achieve the expectations of both villagers and visitors alike but,

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as always, we rely on local support to keep the pub in operation. Many people consider the pub a vital part of our community so we hope that everyone will continue to back our efforts in keeping the pub operational and successful.

Finally, if any of you have any further queries, suggestions or concerns regarding our work, please do contact NISL directly – details will be provided on request.

(Caroline Taylor, Company Secretary – ctbusinessaffairs@gmail.com)

St Martin's Church PCC

64 names appear on the **electoral roll**.

The average Sunday service attendance is 7.8 but special services (excluded from this figure) such as Remembrance Sunday, Harvest Festival, and the carol service were very well attended.

Our **diocesan share** for 2016 was £66860.40 and this will increase in 2017 to £ 7568.80.

We were able to make donations to The Royal British Legion's poppy appeal and to The Children's Society, and we supported the food bank at St Mary's Bridport.

Revd Canon Stephen Batty. Very unfortunately Stephen, our rector, has been seriously unwell and has been on prolonged sick leave although he is now returning to active ministry and is conducting some services.

Licensing service. In July it was a privilege to host a special service to license **Revd Sue Linford** at St Martin's. Her role is as associate priest. Archdeacon Paul Taylor officiated.

Fundraising. Our financial resources are dwindling and fundraising has become increasingly important. Events included frugal lunches, opening the church tower to visitors during the village fete, and a folk concert by Ninebarrow held in the church and excellently organized by Richard Hewlett.

Maintenance. Storm damage to the south churchyard wall required expensive repairs during 2016. Plasterwork repair behind the memorial triptych and completion of repairs to the floor in the north aisle were also required during 2016 and added to the financial burden. Ernie Thomas has been responsible for church maintenance and has also been flagcaptain and we are very grateful to him and to Phil Hall who has now taken over these roles.

Bells. Seven groups of bell ringers, including one from the United States, have visited and rung our bells which are highly regarded. We have no regular bellringers of our own but are grateful to those from St Mary's, Burton Bradstock, who have rung on special occasions.

Churchyard Maintenance. Colin Chambers has worked tirelessly to mow and tidy the churchyard and has done an excellent job. We are very grateful to him.

Church flowers. The rota has been organized by Hazel Coulter who has acted as liaison for festivals and special services.

Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride. We are grateful to Janet Lane for organizing this and taking part. Sponsors donated £300 of which half was returned to St Martin's funds.

Floodlighting. Thanks go to Robert Cornish for ensuring that the church is floodlit at the correct times. We are grateful for the donations from residents towards the costs. The lighting helps with security as well as being a pleasing sight.

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Special services. These included a Candlemas United Service, a Somme centenary service, a pets' service, remembrance Sunday, Harvest Thanksgiving and Easter and Christmas services. The Harvest service was followed by a simple Harvest supper. The carol service was followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the village hall. Thanks go to Jo Warren and others for help organizing these events.

Linda Buck organizes the **church cleaning team**. Thanks go to her for ensuring that the church always looks immaculate.

Thanks go to **Janet Lane our organist** who plays beautifully and leads our singing.

A rota of volunteers **unlocks and locks the church each day** in all weathers. Thanks go to them also.

Shipton Gorge Village Society – report given by Simon Cleveland

The year 2016 was a very successful year for SGVS in the year that marked the Queen's sixty fourth year on the throne making her the longest reigning monarch in English/British history. This was celebrated by a party held at the Village Hall and surrounding gardens and fields and was supported by displays and excellent efforts by other Village organisations.

We also ran a Quiz, Archive displays, a revised format for the Village Flower show, which was also supported by other Village groups. In addition SGVS provided the Christmas tree at the New Inn organised a Christmas shopping coach trip to Exeter and assisted NISL with a race night (with no financial gain to ourselves).

From our SGVS Fund we also made a contribution to St Martin's Church was to purchase of a new lawnmower.

I must mention our efforts throughout the summer with providing one or two marquees to a number of local village events in south west Dorset which have been most successful over a period now of around 8 years. In 2016 the marquees provided an income of over £1,000 to SGVS funds which in part was used to reply replacement parts for the marquees as well as a second trailer for the events. We would like to thank John Kent, Bob Ayers and Colin Chambers for all their help in moving the trailers to and from venues, often at their own cost. We now have a strong, willing and very humorous team who enjoy the efforts in marquee erections especially when it is not raining! Also to be noted we entered the Dorset Best Village Competition but sadly for the first time in ten years we came away with no prizes. We have entered the 2017 competition for which the judging runs from 1 May until 31 July.

Now for 2017, staying with the marquees we have already nearly twenty bookings including events for Shipton Gorge. In addition we have a weekend of Archive Events in mid May, a midsummer night party in Jun, the summer show and fete at the Village Hall on 5 August, an autumn quiz with fish and chip supper on 16 September and on 15th November an erectors and friends End of Season Marquee party at the New Inn. On 7 December there will be another Christmas coach trip to Exeter.

As one of possibly a few new events we looking at a children's Back to School Party on 2 September. We will also look at other possibilities as required and will, again, carry out an annual review of our Constitution.

Over the winter period we have lost two of our previous Chairmen, Terry Diver and Ed Buck, and also to a long term Committee Member Terry Hunt all of whom have completed many years gallant service. I know that Ed and Terry Hunt have offered to help again with the marquees during 2017. We now

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have a full committee with Chris Griffiths-Hardman as Chairman and a new Secretary who has only just been recruited and is most welcome, Mrs Janet Whight.

Lastly, it cannot be omitted but we were all delighted to see the award on 1 Jan this year of the BEM in the Queen's New Year's Honours list to Mrs Sally Parker. Very well deserved indeed.

That concludes the report for SGVS. If there are any questions please ask. Thank you.

Shipton Gorge Village Hall – presented by Graham Garner

The trustees of the village hall are pleased to report that use of the hall in the past year has remained broadly similar to previous years, a pattern that now extends back a considerable time. We continue to have regular hirings by two dance groups, the table tennis club, village organisations for meetings and events, choir practice, Artsreach events and other hall fundraising events, and all of this use is supplemented by occasional receptions and parties and during the last year we have received regular bookings for dog training classes.

Despite two years of modest increases in hire prices the hall remains very cost-effective for hirers and the trustees are pleased that we are able to continue to offer discounted rates to within-parish hirers. In addition, this year the trustees have decided to waive the hire fees for within-parish organisations holding fund-raising events.

Fundraising for the Village Hall plays an important part in balancing the books and this will continue with various events planned for the coming year. In addition we are exceedingly grateful for the donations we receive.

If you would like to hear more about our finances or the hall's trustees, our AGM is being held on Wednesday 19th April, 7.00 for 7.30pm. We'd be delighted to see you there. **Richard Hewlett, Chairman, SGVH.**

Shipton Gorge Heritage – Hilary Cunningham

Shipton Gorge Ltd was set up in 2006 to manage and protect assets within the parish of Shipton Gorge so that they remain under the common ownership of residents and are managed for the benefit of the residents and according to their wishes. It became a registered charity in 2007 and subsequently its name was changed to Shipton Gorge Heritage to reflect its purpose. We have two sites, **the Orchard, which was purchased in 2006**, and the **Saunders Richardson Wood** leased from the Woodland Trust in 2013.

In the Orchard our members have continued to maintain the wildlife friendly upper and lower borders as well as pruning the fruit trees. The lower border needs some more work done to it to ensure that the hedging plants are kept in good order and the hedge becomes more dense. Most of the hedging plants are now well established. Colin Chambers has been unable to cut the grass in the Orchard this year so we have had to employ a contractor. Our thanks go to Colin for all his dedication to the maintenance of the Orchard. The poo bin continues to be extremely well used and requires frequent emptying. Robert Langran undertakes this onerous task. There is a public footpath through the Orchard and it is well used by locals and visitors. We receive lots of positive feedback about the Orchard and the relatively newly installed Information Board (interpretation board) has been greatly admired. Our notice board is maintained by John Hall, and is used to advertise events and happenings and we will be installing a seat very shortly.

We are now managing the Saunders Richardson Wood in line with our management plan, and this required thinning of the canopy by felling of about 30 trees to allow more light into the wood. This was done in two stages and we are waiting to see an increase in the bio-diversity of the ground

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flora. It will also allow the remaining trees to brush out. We have erected 30 nesting bird boxes; 20 for birds, 5 dormice and 5 bats and hope that many will be used this year. The boxes were available for people to buy at the Village Fete and Philippa Young kindly engraved and decorated the boxes. If you donated money for the boxes we will be sending you a picture of your box if you have not already seen it in the Wood. The felling of the trees produced surplus logs and some were donated to New Inn Support and to Magna to support their fuel poverty scheme.

So what else have we been doing?

We have had walks through the Wood and they will continue to enable members to see the Wood in the various seasons and recording of our observations will now be kept. We will be continuing with working parties for both the Wood and Orchard. These are sometimes arranged at short notice, as we like to work in good weather!

The Langrans kindly opened their garden in June and it was a great success and the cream teas were delicious.

Our first Apple Day event was held on Sunday 23 Oct. We produced fine ploughman's lunches, had a cider stall, had plenty of games for the children and a fine bug hotel building stall which was very popular, a bottle tombola and much more as other village organisations were invited to join in this event. We will be holding another Apple Day this on Sunday 22 October so please make a note of this date.

Our Membership has increased and new members always welcomed – membership is free but donation of time and/or money are always most welcome especially this year as our maintenance of the Orchard will be much more expensive. I produce 3 to 4 Newsletters a year and these are sent to members to keep them up to date with what SGH is doing and feed back is positive. Our web **site is still work in progress as it does not appear to be user friendly for Philippa Young our web master.**

Apart from planning for our next apple day we are going to produce a 2018 "Shipton Gorgeous" calendar. We need your help with photographs for the calendar and want you to contribute digital images to make this a wonderful calendar that everyone will wish to purchase. We will need your images by the end of June.

Finally I would like to thank people for supporting SG Heritage Ltd by donating money to this village charity and assisting with our projects and to my fellow trustees for all their hard work and enthusiasm. I would encourage people who shop on line to use the easy fund raising site and remember us. Thank you very much.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their reports

11.53 Any Other Business

- a. The meeting was asked to consider uses for the Telephone Kiosk which was being purchased from BT. (See Item 11.50 – Chairman's Report)
- b. Cllr H Cunningham agreed to contact Chairs of other village organisations to organise a meeting with them all. A meeting had been held last year and was felt to be useful. Cllr H Cunningham also announced the death of Dennis Jones.
- c. Cllr Mary Boughton hoped that Cllr Andrew Fry would be able to hold meeting of local farmers in the near future

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The Meeting ended 9.00pm and everyone was invited to join the Councillors for nibbles and a glass of wine.

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