

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on 8th April 2019 in Millennium Hall at 7pm

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Chairman's Report – *Cllr Dick Brake*

Welcome to the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting for Marsworth. Whilst the Parish Council is well represented here I would stress that the meeting is not a Parish Council Meeting but is one for the whole village to participate in.

Our task is to ensure the meeting takes place, and is properly managed and recorded, and also to report on the main aspects of the Parish Council activity over the past year.

Firstly I want to thank my fellow councillors for their efforts over the past year. Councillors give their time freely and often this involves hours of commitment and inconvenience.

New Adult Exercise machines have been placed near the new seats in the Rec, we are also considering an exercise track round the Rec, for walkers/runners. We are currently investigating a possible Skate park, and are awaiting the outcome of the item in the Newsletter, and we would welcome other suggestions.

The storm that hit the village in May caused a lot of tree damage at the Rec and the road closure in Watery Lane was opened while tree removal took place, two trees were uprooted and fell across the road, trees around the rec were also made safe.

The Council are still asking for a decision on the planning application to develop the Airfield, which has been onward going since 2015. We keep being told it is imminent.

Reports from:

1) **BCC** – *Cllr. Anne Wight*

Thanks very much for allowing me to speak today regarding some of my wider work as a county councillor.

It has definitely been a busy year in Ivinghoe Division. While I know that we have had our fair share of traffic disruption and diversions, potholes, water mains repairs, and sewer works which have been challenging locally to say the least, I would like to focus tonight on some of the things I work on which are often outside the scope of the monthly parish council meetings. As I try to attend as many of my monthly parish council meetings as I can, and provide written reports to the clerk, I will try to make this evening's report more about my wider activities within the county council.

For those of you who may not be aware, I am on the Corporate Parenting Panel, which is actually one of the more rewarding parts of my job. Corporate Parenting is all about helping to ensure that Bucks County Council provides a continually improving service to our looked after children in care. Children and young people who, for one reason or another, cannot live with their parents are some of the most vulnerable and have a unique place in our society. In Buckinghamshire we take our responsibility to be corporate parents seriously and commit to treating our Looked After Children (LAC) as any family would, by keeping them safe, meeting their health needs, ensuring that they have as positive an experience as possible whilst in care, by improving their life chances and supporting them to meet their full potential.

Based on the most up to date research we know that our children are very likely to have experienced significant trauma and abuse prior to being Looked After. They will also be at greater risk of sexual exploitation, going missing, offending and are likely to experience greater challenges with education. Therefore, it is essential that our Looked After Children receive the best possible services from us as corporate parents in order to support them to achieve the same outcomes and have access to the same opportunities that we would want for our own children.

It is essential that our children's experiences of care addresses the disadvantages they have faced rather than compound them. Good local service provision is likely to improve our children's life opportunities, be better value for money and contribute to good performance.

As a corporate parent my aim is to help the children and young people of Buckinghamshire who are currently looked after to thrive and reach their full potential. Unfortunately, this is becoming ever more challenging, as more and more children nationally are coming into the care system.

The Corporate Parenting Panel meets quarterly, and I am privileged at that meeting to discuss the needs and wishes of kids in our care system directly with two of our older children in care representatives. Being in the system themselves, they are in a good place to let us know what we are doing well and what we can improve on. Their personal experience of the service means that I can help make sure that we get it right for the kids, whether they are in institutional care, or placed with foster families, or whether they are in the Stay Put program which allows them to remain with their foster carer until age 21, if that is mutually agreeable.

One of the most rewarding events we host each year for the kids is the annual BBQ, at which each child is presented with an award for a personal achievement, whether it be developing a new skill, settling in quickly into a new foster family and environment, or coping well with a new set of challenges. As many of our kids have special needs as well, it means a great deal to them to know that their progress and achievement has not gone unnoticed, but rather is being celebrated and acknowledged through the annual award ceremony.

There are also entertainers on hand, along with good food, an ice cream van, a fire engine and crew, bouncy castles, games and a guest speaker. This year we had Ashley Jean-Baptiste, who was himself in care and came through the system to go on to earn his degree from Cambridge and who is now a BBC presenter.

Another part of being a corporate parent for me is to make sure that our kids in care receive some presents at Christmas through our BCC Annual Christmas Present Appeal. Having promoted this appeal locally, I am pleased to say that this year BCC received double last year's number of presents from our very generous residents. This meant the world to our kids, some of whom spent Christmas in a children's home rather than with a foster family. The high quality of presents was very much appreciated, and some of the older children said that they were able to use some of the tablets and ipads in their schoolwork and to help them network online as they approached the stage of leaving care.

Another part of my work which is especially rewarding is my work as a Trustee on the National Paralympic Heritage Trust. As you probably know, Buckinghamshire is the Birthplace of the Paralympics. The NPHT is concerned with archiving and preserving the historical documents and objects which tell the history of the Paralympic movement since its conception through the efforts of Professor Sir Ludwig Guttmann to rehabilitate soldiers who had lost the use of limbs after WWII.

Over the next 6 years the NPHT aims to establish:

An archive and collection of national and international importance and interest that will be recorded, accessioned, conserved, stored safely and respected globally.

A website that enables people access to this unique and inspiring resource alongside the ability to share their own stories.

- A Heritage Centre at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.
- Regional hub exhibitions telling local stories.
- A series of small touring exhibitions supporting sporting and heritage events across Britain.
- A creative learning and participation programme will run across all areas of work.

We want to achieve all these things to a high standard of access and equality.

We want people to be:

- Inspired
- Keen to learn more (visit the website)
- Motivated to try new things
- Proud
- Understanding of the benefits of sport whatever your ability
- More aware of access requirements

Above all, we want to change attitudes to disability.

I was proud to have been invited to attend the opening of the Heritage Centre at Stoke Mandeville Stadium on 29 March, along with Sir Philip Craven and Eva Loeffler, the daughter of Prof Sir Ludwig Guttmann, who has carried on his inspirational work with the Trust.

If you haven't had a chance to visit the Heritage Centre yet, do please stop by and see some of the legacy artifacts from the Paralympic games on display along with some information detailing the vision of Prof Guttmann for rehabilitating the disabled through the use of sport, training and competition.

Another part of my wider work involves my participation in the London Luton Airport Consultation Committee, and the Noise and Track Subcommittee. These committees meet near the airport and include members from Herts county council, Luton Borough Council, and representatives from Beds councils as well as representatives from the airport.

With the forthcoming expansion of both Luton Airport and Heathrow, airspace planning has never been more dynamic, challenging or exciting than it is now. There are several proposals afoot to modernise airspace over the UK, and the hope is that through airspace modernisation air transport might become more streamlined, efficient, and reduce impacts on the environment and our communities.

The aim is to do this through the use of modern aircraft which are quieter, noise reductions might also be enabled over those of our communities which are affected by aircraft noise.

While I won't go into all the technical detail as to how the airport hopes to achieve these aims, I will say that I am now well versed in some of the technical concepts behind both noise reduction and airspace planning more generally, so if anyone wishes to discuss these ideas further, do please get in touch and I will be happy to explain a few of the principles insofar as I'm able to do so.

Committees aside, most of my work involves all of you – my residents, our local parishes and communities. If it's important to you, it's important to me too. That's why I organised a walkabout in Ivinghoe and Horton last summer to see some of the freight hotspots and invited our Freight Strategy officer along to have a look at some of the areas which you signalled to me as being of concern for you. That's also why the real upside for me is being able to help even if it is mainly in small ways, to ensure that we keep our communities friendly, clean, well maintained and thriving.

To that end, I was delighted to have been able to donate my Councillor Leadership Fund money this year to Dagnall Village Hall for their fundraising to replace the community playground equipment. Unfortunately, their entire set of play equipment failed safety checks last year. While the leadership fund wasn't enough to allow for the purchase of all of the new playground equipment, it at least kick-started the funding appeal and so hopefully it won't be long until the new playground is up and running

I am always happy to hear from any community groups or parish councils if they have similar funding requests for next year. If the request meets the funding criteria, I will be happy to consider donating my leadership funding towards it.

Apart from all that, I'm on the Transport for Bucks working group, which means that I am always trying to help TfB improve its service and communication towards residents and parish councils. If you have any ideas which you would like me to feed up to the TfB team, if you drop me an email I will be very glad to take those forward for you.

In Marsworth this year our new Local Area Technician, Matt Whincup, is looking to continue to improve road surfaces and drainage and I will be working with him to try to get things sorted down at Lower End among other areas. I am looking forward to working with him and the parish council to keep Marsworth beautiful and thriving over the coming year.

In conclusion, I would just like to thank you for having given me the opportunity to serve as your county councillor, and I look forward to working with you all, as well as with our district councillors, so that we can transition smoothly into our new unitary authority next spring.

2) Marsworth CE Infant School – Headmistress, Mrs A. Polatci

Personnel:

I am now into my fifth year of headship. Mrs Wendy Casterton supports me in Goldfinches. Mrs Jan Stevens takes Robins (Nursery and Reception) Monday to Thursday supported by Mrs Jenny Nurden in the mornings and Mrs Carter in the afternoons. Mrs Emma Williams takes Robins on Tuesday afternoon to cover Mrs Stevens PPA time and all day Friday. Mrs Karen Scott has returned and was appointed in September 2018 and covers my office time all day on Mondays and Tuesday's in KS1. We have been fortunate to keep our SEN support assistant Mrs Oxley who works every morning in EYFS. Mrs Pankiw is our office manager and Mrs Oxley, Mrs Carter, Ms Wells and Mrs Hobart are our Midday Supervisors. Mr Broad continues to be our caretaker.

Group Membership:

The school continues to be a member of the following groups:

- Network Learning Community of Schools (Liaison Group)
- Federation of Small Schools Group
- Pop Up Literacy Project in liaison with the Rothschild Federation.

Our Level 3 Travel Plan Status has been renewed because of our continued activities in this area. The children enjoy having their "Go for Gold" cards stamped daily by Mrs Pankiw. This is a Travel Plan initiative encouraging children to walk to school.

Refurbishment/Maintenance

Our biggest project this year was installing the outdoor storage shelter which is used for storing the children's playtime equipment and the bikes and trikes. We have re-pointed boundary wall as well. Ongoing projects are, general refurbishment and updating storage facilities.

Activities:

At the beginning of the autumn term the school reviewed the vision and values taking account of pupil's, parent's, staff and governor's views. As you can imagine this wasn't an easy task and involved a lengthy discussion. A decision was made and this is our new vision.

Through our values of Respect, Courage, Compassion and Curiosity, Marsworth CE Infant School provides a unique, nurturing environment to inspire a love of learning in our children.

'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.' Proverbs 22:6

We care for each child as an individual to support their education, social, spiritual and moral growth.

This new vision will now be the basis for everything we do at Marsworth Infant School.

The school joined the village at All Saints Church, Marsworth for the annual Harvest Festival service. The produce was donated to the local food bank. The children also raised additional money for Children in Need by dressing up and baking cakes/ biscuit for a donation. These activities, and through our RE lessons studying different countries, help the children to understand about life in other parts of the world. In the summer term 2018 we held a Global awareness week and studied the countries Turkey and Italy. The children participated in activities linked to these countries such as Turkish music and dancing, food tasting from both countries the children listened to and acted out Turkish and Italian stories.

In the autumn term 2018 we held a DT week linked to our topic of castles in which children designed and made a model of a castle. They also made puppets of knights, jesters and royalty. In October 2018 the whole school went on a school trip to visit the Tower of London. It was a thoroughly enjoyable yet long day. The children were fantastic and totally engaged all day, asking and answering questions. Their behaviour was outstanding. It totally brought the topic to life! We held a science week linked to journeys. EYFS children focused on tunnels and boats while KS1 focused on flight. Various experiments were held each day. The children took part in World Book Day where some parents came in to read to groups of children, the children shared their favourite book and they also took part in a book swap.

Life at Marsworth School, as you can see, continues to be varied and enjoyable.

We would also like to add our thanks to the whole village for their valued support of our school – it is much appreciated.

3) All Saints Church

Report on All Saints Church, Marsworth's Activities during 2018

Although there was no flower festival during this year, as the festival is held biennially, an event of considerable importance was held. This was the commemoration of the centenary of the end of the First World War. As the church is responsible for looking after the War Memorial the first thing to do was to ensure that the memorial looked at its best. As there was no grant available from the War Memorial Trust it was decided to launch an appeal to the village to donate towards the cost of cleaning and enhancing the lettering. The response was excellent and covered the cost. The memorial was thus made ready for the church services, the first being a Benefice Service held on the 11th September, the actual end of the war. This service remembered everyone within the Benefice who died together with a short history of each person. The second service, for Remembrance Day, was held on the 11th November and was a more traditional service. Both services were researched and organised by Margaret Johnson and run by the church choir. A silhouette of a First World War hero was purchased and arrived just in time for the 11th November, and was installed in the churchyard between the church and the war memorial.

Other events, apart from the usual Sunday services, included the ever popular fun run, murder mystery supper evening, senior citizens' teas and lunches, Harvest Festival supper, and the running of the tea/ refreshment tent at the Steam Rally.

The church is in the process of installing a planned giving scheme whereby church donations can be directly sent to the church's bank account. These donations will be indexed linked. This scheme will save our treasurer a considerable amount of work and will also ensure that the church receives our Gift Aid repayment automatically.

Lastly, the village is very supportive of the church. Volunteers ensure that the church is so well maintained, this takes a great deal of time and effort on the part of the cleaners and mowers, who keep the church looking so lovely and the Parochial Church Council would like to offer appreciation and thanks to all concerned for their help.

4) Millennium Hall – 100 Club *Neil Waterman*

The Village Hall Committee runs the hall via a charity namely the Marsworth Social Centre for the benefit of the local community. We currently have 9 committee members and have space for any hall user groups to be represented on the committee. Today we only have representatives for the Parish Council, Pre School and WI.

In the past the Church and School have participated but with such a good facility the need to come and air ideas and development needs seems to have waned somewhat. That said anyone who is interested to be part of the committee is more than welcome. We normally meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 8pm in the Hall.

Thanks goes out to all the committee who over the last year included Josie Kempster, Frances Brown, Lynda Brake, Evan Kempster, John Kearsley, Annie Edwards, Dick Brake, Nikki Kelly and Neil Waterman. Not only do they give up their valuable time for our meetings, many extra hours are put in organising the bookings, maintaining the hall and making the fundraising efforts a success. So many thanks to the team, you do a fantastic job.

The Hall is used mid-week days primarily by Pre School. There is a baby and toddlers playgroup on Tuesday mornings. Marsworth School have use of the hall on Tuesday afternoons. For the evenings we have weekly bookings with dance classes on Wednesdays. Margaret Bonham's Badminton groups use the hall every Thursday. WI, Bridge, Parish Council and our committee use the hall once a month for our respective meetings. Tring Festival Company are also currently using the hall for their murder mystery rehearsal.

The self-contained Mike Frost Room continues to be well used. We have the Pilates Group back using this facility along with a few occasional one off gatherings. The weekly Yoga meeting have been known to use upstairs too.

The upkeep of the hall is supplement with a couple of annual fundraising activities.

The Firework display is run by the committee and continues to be a great success. Last November we made £490 from the gate money and refreshments less the cost of fireworks. Thanks go out to Paul Rance who purchases the fireworks and provides such a great display. His enthusiasm for the event has definitely helped revitalise it. Four years ago we were struggling to make any money and were considering cancelling this annual village event, so well done Paul.

The 100 Club is run through the village hall committee for the benefit and upkeep of the Hall. Collections took place last summer and we managed to sell 270 numbers for the monthly draws being held between September 2018 to April 2020. Thanks to the team who helped Neil with the collections - Stephen Wooler, Betty and Ken Longhurst, Dick and Lynda Brake and Josie Kempster.

With Prize money put aside for the 20 months totally £3,200 the hall will benefit from the remaining £2,200. In total over the last 20 odd years we have raised £22k of fundraising for the Hall which is fantastic and certainly helps when we need to repair, decorate and update the Hall. As for the monthly draws in the pubs, I must admit that hasn't attracted as many people as we would like but with combining the newsletter monthly meeting there is sometimes 8 of us to draw the numbers and cheer the winners.

If for some unknown reason you're not in the 100 club! You can join anytime by contacting Neil. Details are in the newsletter.

The Marsworth Hall Charity's year end is 31st March and the last 12 months recorded a funds inflow. Though bookings and income are down the previous year the great contribution from the 100 club has more than made up for this.

Cost of repairs and improvements over the last 12 months included the replacement of the main hall fire door and electrical and general maintenance as required.

The Solar panels continue to produce electricity and so far we have received £4,700 since installation in August 2012. We are on course to recoup the investment cost after 11 year and 1 month.

All enquiries on booking either the main hall or the Mike Frost room should be made to Frances on 01296 661211.

5) AVDC – *Cllr. Derek Town*

Firstly, can we thank the Parish Council for the work you do and making us feel welcome at your monthly meetings

Introduction

It has been a year of change for the councils within Buckinghamshire, namely unitary. Also AVDC has had to address the challenge of a reduction in government grants, but by being pro-active has been able to continue provide the services required for our communities.

Financial

AVDC has increased its Council Tax for 2019/2020 by 3.35% or £5 per week for a Band D property. The increase is part of AVDC's strategy to address the reduction in grant funding from central government while protecting services. Buckinghamshire County Council's element has increased 3%, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley by 13.2%, and Bucks and Milton Keynes fire authority by 3%.

CT for 2019-20: Band D Equivalent	Parish Precept	AVDC Precept	BCC Precept	Bucks & MK Fire	TV Police	Total
Marsworth	53.93	154.06	1,329.64	206.28	64.57	1,808.48

Update of The Vale of Aylesbury Plan

The independent Planning Inspector has agreed AVDC's proposal to reduce by 1400 the number of new homes to be built up to 2033 in the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP). The VALP is the blueprint that will shape the size and locations of housing and other developments over the next 14 years and beyond in the Aylesbury Vale. This latest development brings the end of a thorough and complicated process in sight, with modifications to the plan being considered by the Inspector and, it is hoped, a public consultation to follow this spring.

The full text of the Inspector's response can be seen at www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/inspectors-interim-findings

The biggest change that the Inspector has agreed is to reduce the numbers of homes that need to be built within the Vale to 30,100 homes from the 31,500 he asked for previously. AVDC is working on the detailed modifications to VALP, which involves gathering a significant amount of new evidence and revising large numbers of policies. When these alterations have been made and sent to the Inspector, AVDC hopes to quickly put in place a six-week public consultation.

The council hopes that the plan will then be adopted for use by mid 2019, although this depends on the Planning Inspector.

Local Democracy

Our local elections will now take place next May 2020. The elections were due to take place this May but because the decision to put in place a new Unitary Council these have been put back until May 2020 with the resultant changes in the number of district and county councillors.

The Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner elections will also take place in 2020. The present Commissioner Anthony Stansfield who was elected in 2012 is standing down. All information on the Police and Crime Commissioner's role and responsibilities can be found on the website.

Unitary

This is a golden opportunity to transform all service provision in Bucks and we're encouraged that the Minister for Local Government has reaffirmed that the new council will not be a continuation of any existing authority, but a completely new start. We are all keen to play our part in ensuring that this new council delivers excellent services and improved outcomes to the communities we serve.

Local government in Buckinghamshire is facing the biggest change in a generation as the five existing councils – Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe district councils and Bucks County Council – prepare to be abolished in 2020 and replaced with a brand new 'unitary district' council. This means just one council providing all council services in Bucks.

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Our membership responsibilities:

Sandra

Full Council

Chairman of the Living and Environment Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Business Development Scrutiny Committee

Bucks Playing Field Association

Derek

Full council

Development Planning Committee

Audit Committee

New Homes Bonus Panel

Substitute Member for Strategic Planning Committee

NB planning and licensing committee member are obliged to take training every year to qualify.

Going Forward

There is going to be difficult planning decisions due to the expansion of housing development in the Vale of Aylesbury. There is also the adequacy of the infrastructure to support the developments.

This year will be a year of change due to the new Council being established in a relatively short time span.

Ensuring AVDC's service provision during the unitary process.

6) Women's Institute

The past year has, as usual, been a busy and enjoyable year helped in no small part by the glorious summer.

As usual, instead of a January meeting, we held our annual dinner in the Millennium Hall, Marsworth. Our caterers did us proud and we enjoyed a delicious meal with excellent wine. Afterwards we were entertained by Cherry Valentines a duo who played and sang the songs from the 60's which most of us remembered well, indeed, some of us found our lost youth and boogied the night away – well at least an hour of it.

Our next big event was our annual jumble sale held in April. This was a resounding success, making an excellent profit and grateful thanks was extended to all members for their help in arranging this.

Our small but dedicated band of members have been caring for our Jubilee Garden throughout the year keeping neat and tidy

In July the annual coffee and scones morning was held in the garden of our Treasurer. The weather was perfect and a great many scones and cream were washed down with coffee and tea, whilst a Bring and Buy Stall proved very popular.

On the afternoon of 9th August Elsie Beesley hosted an afternoon garden party. Unfortunately, in spite of the wonderful summer, that afternoon it decided to rain. However it takes more than a drop of rain to stop our WI ladies from enjoying themselves. They simply took shelter under the awning and continued to consume enjoy themselves.

The speakers at our monthly meetings continue to interest and entertain us. Two which really stood out were "Blood Bikes" where Kamram Irani told us of the fantastic work volunteers bikers did in transporting blood, breast milk, organs, notes and even equipment to hospitals where it was desperately needed, while carrying on with their day jobs.

The other was a remarkable man called David Butler, who, in spite of losing two legs and his left hand at 11 due to an encounter with an unexploded bomb at Ivinghoe Beacon, he carried on to make a successful career for himself in business but his first love was Formula 1 racing and he successfully campaigned to lift the ban on disabled drivers from participating in this sport. He helps disabled children and adults showing them that they can still have a full life, but what was most remarkable was his good humour and total lack of self pity.

Our craft club is well attended each month as are our supper club and book club.

On Wednesday 24th October, over 15 members visited the Frogmore Mill Paper Mill and had an excellent day out. We were all amazed at the various materials that can be used to make paper, including elephant poo, which is locally sourced from Whipsnade Zoo.

We continue to give a £200 Bursary each year towards a course at Denman College. The Bursary this year was won by Carolyn Pankiw who is deciding what course she is going to attend.

Our chosen Charity this year was Marsworth School and we made a donation £250 to the school to help them purchase some much needed maths equipment.

Our Institute currently has 40 members, and our oldest member, Kitty Pinnock, celebrated a very special birthday on 28th February 2019, when she reached 100. Naturally we could not let this occasion pass without a celebration which took the form of "This Your Life" complete with a slide show of photographs depicting Kitty's life and of course the Red Book. Her two sons and daughter in law made a surprise entrance at the appropriate moment and the evening finished with the presentation of a beautiful Birthday Cake and some bubbly to toast Kitty.

This has been Chris King's first year as President. She has done a fantastic job and we are all looking forward to another busy and companionable year under her leadership.

7) Marsworth Badminton Club – Margaret Bonham

My name is Margaret Bonham. I am here on behalf of the badminton Club, which meets here, at the Millennium Hall, each Thursday evening, from 8-10pm. This is our report for the year April 2018-2019

Another year come and gone!

We have enjoyed playing badminton during the year. The hall has again provided an excellent venue for the sport, with no problems at all. The floor has been clean and dust free, the strip lights all working and no water entering the hall, under the fire escape doors – as we had last year. In the kitchen, the water heater is an asset, avoiding having to boil a kettle for a cup of tea at half time!

At present we have 7 members of the club and have enough to play most weeks. A few extra players would be ideal.

8) Marsworth Bridge Club (Absent – Report received) Betty Longhurst

As it has done for many years, the Marsworth Bridge Club continues to meet monthly in the Village Hall on the evening of the second Tuesday of every month. The Club has maintained its success over the past year and we regularly have had four or five tables playing duplicate bridge. New playing members will always be made very welcome at our friendly and relaxed evening. Surplus funds raised by the Club continue to be donated to All Saints Church in Marsworth specifically for the maintenance of the fabric of the building. Once again, I ran a large charity bridge tournament and lunch in the Hall in February for 104 players. This year the profits of £2,520 were shared between The Florence Nightingale Hospice in Aylesbury and The St Francis Hospice in Berkhamsted.

As always, I was most grateful for the help and support of local friends in Marsworth and the surrounding area who helped to make this day such a resounding success.

9) Police – (Absent – Report received) PCSO Jackie Dodson

Report as an overview of the last year, your crime figures for the year amount to 45, however most of them are reports of speeding, or domestic related.

Criminal damage = 1

Burglary = 1

Theft from Vehicle = 2

Drug report = 1

Damage to Road Furniture = 1

10) Steam Rally Committee – (Absent – Report received) Cllr. R. Kennedy

The Steam Rally in June 2018 was the biggest yet with almost 4000 paying visitors, which enabled us to distribute more funds to local and national worthy causes. Fortunately the weather was more suitable than the previous year which suffered a record temperature.

We benefitted from greater numbers of volunteers to help set up, run and take down the event and are grateful for their contribution. We are also most indebted to the Kempsters for the loan of their fields and the time they put in on this event, without this none of our fund-raising would be possible. Each year the accounts and report are submitted to Companies House for all to see on-line but for information to the Parish.

The Following donations have been made during 2018:

All Saints Church Marsworth, Marsworth School, Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scouts, Chiltern MS Centre, Florence Nightingale Hospice, Hospice of St Francis, Rennie Grove Hospice Care, The Pepper Foundation Children's Hospice, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund, Herts Air Ambulance, Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust, Bucks NHS Scan appeal, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, South Central Ambulance Service, British Heart Foundation, Hector's House, The Fire Fighters Charity and First Steps Pre-school.

A Total of **£16,750**

Work is well underway to prepare for the 2019 rally on June 16th and we welcome volunteers to assist us again as well as exhibitors, stallholders and visitors. Anyone wanting more information should check out <http://www.marsworthsteamrally.co.uk> where there are wonderful pictures, and overhead videos of recent year's events.

11) Marsworth News – Elaine Standen

The success of the newsletter is down to the quite large group of people who give up their time on a regular basis; from the contributors, to the production team, to the support team, to Annie Sandon our Advertising Manager, who does a brilliant job of managing the advertising side of the newsletter, which is essential to its viability.

Our production team includes: Elaine Standen copy editor; Sandra Costello, Chas Pearson and new recruit Hayley Chalmers as layout editors; and Graham Dickinson whose professional eye helps us to produce a polished and attractive newsletter.

We continue to receive very positive feedback from our readers on the content and quality so we must be doing something right! We value *all* feedback and suggestions, which help us to maintain the high standards we have set ourselves and we must thank our Printer Mike Harris at Harlequin Ltd for getting the finished product out to us on time against tight timescales, and for the new colour cover provided at no extra cost - a great addition to our already well-presented newsletter.

We have a healthy number of regular contributors whose articles reflect village life in Marsworth, and we are grateful for all the additional articles and news stories our residents have shared with us, helping us to bring you an interesting and informative newsletter. We also value the photos that our readers send in that add interest to the newsletter.

The quality of the production is largely down to the number of people who help with proofreading and creative ideas, together with the production team. We would also like to thank our treasurer and distribution manager Neil Waterman.

Our thanks also must go to the team of volunteer distributors: Elsie Beesley, Carol Jeffries, Brian and Valerie Farrell, Paul Egan-Carter, Pam Cotton, Frances and Ray Brown, Dick and Lynda Brake, Polly Maslen, Susan Dean, Jean Fulton, Gayle Sturrock, Annie Sandon, Karen Gray and Stephen Wooler. Without their help we would never get the newsletter to your doormats.