

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MARCH 2022

The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, which was held in the New Memorial Hall, Latches Lane, Draycott on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00p.m.

Present: 9 Parish Councillors, County Councillor Noel, District Councillor Wyke and the Parish Clerk. No members of the public were present.

The Chairman of the Parish Council chaired the meeting and opened by welcoming everyone.

Open Forum

No matters were raised.

### 1. **Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting**

The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, had been circulated prior to the meeting. They were agreed as a true record by those present and were signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

### 2. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### 3. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman gave a report. Matters discussed included: new members of the Council and thanks to those who have stood down; repairs to Scaddens Brook path; a new dog bin in Rodney Stoke and new benches in the play area; the CCTV camera; repairs to finger post signs; the speed indicator device and police visits; highways, the traffic survey and extending the speed limit out of Rodney Stoke; funding; the elections; fire cover at Cheddar Fire Station; planting an Oak for the Queens Jubilee; thanks to the Councillors and Clerk. There were no questions. A copy of the report is held in the Minute Book.

4. **New Memorial Hall Committee Report** the Secretary had given his apologies for the meeting. A report had been received and was circulated prior to the meeting. A copy is held in the Minute book. Cllr Dollins gave a report on behalf of the Parish Council Hall Committee. A copy is held in the Minute book. Cllr Dollins raised that the hall Committee are looking for ideas for the overflow carpark. The matter will be added to the agenda for the May Parish Council Meeting.

5. **The Rev Cobley Playing Field Committee Report** the Secretary had given his apologies for the meeting. A report had been received and was circulated prior to the meeting. A copy is held in the Minute book.

6. **County Cllr Report:** Cllr Noel gave a report. Matters discussed included: the term which was dominated by Brexit, the pandemic and the new Unitary authority; deaths in the County are below the 5 yr minimum figures; the upcoming elections with 110 County Councillors; improvements on the roads and problems with lorries; reducing figures for deaths on the roads; County finances in good condition; the planned new computer system for the new Authority; fire service cover at Cheddar Fire Station. The Chairman thanked Cllr Noel and asked that he continued to keep the pressure on regarding the service at Cheddar Fire Station.

7. **District Cllr Report** Cllr Wyke gave a report. Matters discussed included: the service at Cheddar Fire Station and a request for a change in protocol to allow for a junior member to call for support from across the boundary; £58m in grants awarded, residents and businesses still struggling; courses on Brexit forms; green priorities and planting trees, insulation grants, community grants; social housing and Council Tax support; social deprivation work; extension to the Strawberry Line and green travel; the Council is on budget. Cllr Dollins raised that with Mendip District Council's help the AONB have planted 5,000 trees.

Questions were asked and answered by both Cllr Noel and Cllr Wyke on education and schools.

8. **Police Report** PCSO Chinnock gave apologies for the meeting and provided a report which was circulated prior to the meeting, a copy is held in the Minute book.

9. **Neighbourhood Watch Report** The report had been previously circulated, and a copy is available in the Minute book. Cllr Dollins noted that new membership is sought and there are many reasons to join including access to the police and community. It was raised that PCSO's are not getting in touch with the community contacts. An item will be added to the newsletter and the Clerk will raise this with the PCSO.

10. **Footpath Walkers Report** Chairman of the Footpath Committee, Cllr Gladman, gave a report. Matters discussed included: 2 rotten finger posts have been reported, but there is no indication when they will be replaced. A complaint about the footpath between Wet Lane and Bay Lane has been

received, it was noted that owners should be made aware of the problem. No further matters had been raised. A copy is held in the Minute book.

11. **Play Area** Cllr Gladman gave a report. Matters discussed included: The area is very tidy, and the equipment in good condition; the youth shelter is due to be refurbished as soon as possible; inspections continue on a weekly basis; future plans are to update equipment and install a Multi-Use Games Area. A copy is held in the Minute book.

12. **Village Agent Report** Apologies had been received from Bella Lapwood, the village agent. A report had been received and was circulated prior to the meeting and is available on the website and in the Minute Book.

The meeting closed at 20.06 p.m.