

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MARCH 2019

The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting which was held in the New Memorial Hall, Latches Lane, Draycott on Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7.00p.m.

Present: 7 Parish Councillors, District Councillor Ros Wyke County Councillor 8 members of the public and the Parish Clerk.

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

1. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 15th March 2018, had been circulated prior to, and were available at, 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

Chairman Sealey gave a report. Matters discussed included: thanks to Councillors and Committee members; the proposed purchase of a speed indicator device; problems with reinstatement of the roads following the A371 road closure; parking; enforcement; the Burial Ground; the new Village Agent; the memorial stone and plaque; roundels in Rodney Stoke and that speed checks have since been carried out.

4. **Broadband update** Ben Stevens from Gigaclear gave a brief presentation matters discussed included: the representative from Telent had sent apologies; a review of the project to improve internet in Rodney Stoke; proposed completion by 3rd quarter of the year; estimated that technology will cover 50 years' worth of technical development. Questions were asked and answered including: the quality of the repairs to the road – An inspector is to come and investigate; the stones on the verge at the top of Stoke Street must be removed and reinstated – this will be investigated; do you provide an internet service – not allowed to promote but yes; how did they decide that Draycott didn't require upgrading – if the service is less than 2MB per second it qualifies, they will investigate if it makes financial sense to consider Draycott. The Chairman thanked Mr Stevens, who is the point of contact for the community.

5. **New Memorial Hall Committee Report** the Secretary gave a report, a copy is held in the Minute book.

6. **The Rev Cobley Playing Field Committee Report** the Secretary gave a report, a copy is held in the Minute book.

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

8. **Neighbourhood Watch Report** Cllr Dollins 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. **Burial Ground Report** the Chairman had covered the wider picture about the Burial ground in his report. The Clerk gave a report. Matters discussed included: all headstones have now been made safe; 2 plot purchases, 1 interment, 1 memorial and 1 additional inscription have taken place this year; The pond has been cleared by the newts and amphibians' group, no rare newts have been found.

10. **Footpath Walkers Report** Chairman of the Footpath Committee, Cllr Gladman, gave a report. Matters discussed included: repairs to the post on Milking Lane to Draycott Moor; development over the footpath FP9-19, no progress has been made, the Clerk is to follow this up; two stiles on the Mendips nr Sun Batch and New Road which are hazardous for users, the Clerk has contacted the footpaths officer at Somerset County Council to report these two stiles.

11. **Provisional Financial Statement** A copy of the accounts for 2017/2018 were made available and the provisional statement to the end of February 2019 was made available.

The meeting closed at 19.44p.m.