

The Annual Parish Meeting Of Withypool and Hawkridge

Tuesday 18th May 2021 Withypool Village Hall 7.30pm

Attendees A Howard (Chair), K Branfield, A Collins, T Lloyd, P. Soltau, W Lock, SCC Cllr F Nicholson; SW&T Cllr S Pugsley; Clerk C Hornsby; Public

1. Welcome by the Chairman

2. Minutes of the 2019 annual parish meeting (Previously circulated)

3. Approval of Minutes of the last meeting of May 2019 Prop by KB and 2nd by AC

4. Report about the last 24 months within the Parish read by the chairman

Annual Report for Withypool and Hawkridge: 2019-21

The Withypool & Hawkridge Parish Council were unable to hold a Annual Parish Meeting in 2020 due to the pandemic and so this report covers two years.

The Parish Council considered many planning applications over the past 24 months from various locations:

Hawkridge

Land to the East of Hawkridge, West Hollowcombe Farm

Withypool

Halsgrove House, Withymead, Hobbs Cottage, The Village Shop, Barle House, Newhouse, Batsom Cottage, Land adjacent to New Bridge, Linhay Cottage, Newland House, No1 Rose Cottages, Old School House.

The Parish Maintenance has been carried out by a local contractor and the parish council are very happy with the work that Dan Passmore does in the village.

The Parish Council would like to thank Doctors Jeremy and Mary Davies for the continued work they do in the village without any recompense. The parish are incredibly grateful. They did the following repairs over the last two years; repaired the gate into the parish garden beside the river, removed and installed the new jubilee bench by the bridge, fixed and cleaned the bench in front of the village shop, supplied and erected the gazebo for parishioners to stand underneath while waiting for local services, and volunteered with Covid vaccinations at Tiverton Hospital.

The Parish council meetings were held alternatively between Hawkridge village hall and Withypool village hall during 2019 to Mar 2020. Then, due to the pandemic, via Zoom till March 2021. Zoom meetings worked very well with members of the public also attending.

The Parish Council Website is kept up to date with parish Council matters; Agendas, Minutes and important documents are up loaded to comply with the Transparency Legislation. Thanks to Mrs Lyn Fisher for completing the internal audit for 2019/20 and 2020/21

The Parish council are again very grateful to Mrs Frances Nicholson, County Councillor and Mr Stephen Pugsley District Councillor for their continued passion for the area. Their support and guidance at the meetings, is always very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank all the parishioners of the parish throughout the last year. We had great support within the community of helping each other out, from home delivery of groceries, collections and delivering of medicines, making sure our neighbours are well and looked after and kept the numbers of infections to the minimal. It makes me proud to be part of a wonderful, kind spirited community.

Also, I would like to send out a massive thank you to Charlotte our Clerk. As you will now know, Charlotte is leaving us from June so this will be our last meeting together. She has been a tremendous support and hard worker through the last five years and we will miss her.

5. Closure of meeting.....

Signed by chairman.....Date 17 May 2022