

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Wednesday 17 May at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Bishop, Brunt, Finlay, Joy, Lillywhite, Wakely,  
Mr A Dance (District and County Councillor).

APOLOGIES Cllrs Cripps, England, Rowswell.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Officers were elected as follows:

Chairman – Jane Bishop

Vice Chairman – Elizabeth England

Planning – Jane Bishop, Elizabeth England, Clare Lillywhite

Allotments – Roger Cripps

Footpaths – Sarah Brunt, Roger Cripps

Highways – Andrew Rowswell, Ed Wakely

Charity Trustees – Sarah Brunt

Emergency Contacts – Roger Cripps, Innis Finlay, Ed Wakely

Parish Environment Wardens – Angie Joy, Clare Lillywhite

Cowleaze Representative – Roger Cripps

Recreation Committee Representatives – Innis Finlay, Ed Wakely

Tree Warden – Innis Finlay

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There was nothing to report.

MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

#### DC/CC REPORT

Cllr Bishop congratulated Adam Dance on being elected to the County Council and a note of thanks will be sent to outgoing Councillor Christopher Le Hardy.

Adam spoke of the proposed change to three weekly refuse collection and said that all plastic will be collected weekly.

#### ACCOUNTS

Cheques were drawn for:

St Margaret's Hospice – donation

£25.00

Came and Company – annual insurance premium

408.05

The Village Hall Committee advised that the hire charge will be increasing by £1 per hour from 1 June.

#### DEFIBRILLATORS

The Village Hall Committee would be prepared to pay for the installation of the defibrillator at the Hall and they suggest placing it on the outside wall under the window of the Ladies Toilet. Another suggestion is in the adopted telephone kiosk and Cllr Joy will look at the one which the Heartbeat Trust has installed in the kiosk at Haselbury Plucknett.

#### HIGHWAYS

Potholes at the top of Great Lane will be reported.

#### FOOTPATHS

The County Council will start trimming the paths on 22 May. The Parish Ranger and Cllr Cripps will cut the remaining paths.

#### ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Bishop is pleased to see the work the Allotment Holders are doing and she has suggested including a class in the Flower Show Prospectus for produce grown at the Allotments. An Open Morning was also suggested at the Allotments in August or September.

#### WAR MEMORIAL SITE

The Head Teacher had expressed concern about a large yew tree adjacent to the School. He wondered if the branches are safe and said it sheds needles which block the drain. Cllr Bishop will ask the views of Phil Poulton, the District Council Arborist.

#### DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

As the County Councillor has three Parish Council Meetings to attend on the same evening each month, the Clerk will look into an alternative meeting day, such as the second Wednesday.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.

