

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Thursday 9th May 2019

in Combe St. Nicholas Methodist Rooms at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Mr. R. Grimmond in the Chair, + 6 members of the Parish Council.
Mr. M. Wale (District Councillor) and 7 members of the public.

Apologies – Rev. Deborah Perreau, Messrs. Colin Ryall, Tony Sauer, Amanda Broom (County Councillor) and Jenny Kenton (District Councillor)

Mr. Grimmond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES; The Clerk read the record of the Annual Parish Meeting; held on the 31st May 2018, which were approved as correct and signed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT; Full copy Attached to these minutes.

Summary –

27 planning/Re-applications considered this year, all but 3 were recommended. Further proposals re new housing at Cuttifords Door have been made.

Highways – Public meeting held especially re speeding problems and measures still being considered as well as Parking problems in the village. Last winter the pre-gritting service was stopped causing great concern. The matter has been reviewed and should be restored this winter.

Bus Service. – The 99 bus service continues to run every 2 hours. The service needs to be well used to stave off further cuts or even end the service.

Police - The Parish remains relatively crime-free. apart from some break-ins

Local Improvements – No progress yet in updating the play equipment on The Lawns

The **fingerpost** refurbishment project has been completed, thanks to Ian Stonex for co-ordinating the project on behalf of the Parish Council and everyone who generously made a donation.

We are currently considering a request for a donation re a **defibrillator** in Wadeford.

A new **Neighbourhood Watch** scheme has just been set up, with thanks to Ian Croucher for organising it.

Councillors – Councillors Jonathan Nex and Tony Cole recently resigned and Lynn Osborne has decided not to stand again at the election. We thank them for the work carried out during their time on the Council. We welcomed Sue Pargeter as one replacement, and currently seeking others.

Finance – The Precept was kept at the same level as last year - £17,440

Dog Waste – As some people don't use the dog bins provided, this is an on-going concern

Local Organisations – Again, a particular mention to all organisations for providing entertainment, charitable and other support to the community. Although many of them are struggling to keep up their members so please support them.

Thanks – In no particular order thanks to the Trustees of Underway Meade for their continued work in conserving and developing this community asset.

The footpath brigade for their work maintaining our paths and hedges, and the litter pickers who keep our lanes and roadside verges tidy,

Lesley Cole for stalwart work producing the Cloverleaf magazine, a valuable source of information

Our County and District Councillors who provide much valuable help and support
My fellow Councillors for all their work, including planning visits and Anne, the Clerk

That part of the meeting closed at 7.45pm.