

PARRETT AND AXE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parrett and Axe Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Chedington on Thursday 10th May 2012

PRESENT

Cllrs Mike Johnson (Chairman), Kate Organ (Vice-Chairman), Sue Coutanche, Liz Fray, Anita Legg, and Peter Simmons. Also in attendance: District Cllrs Janet Page and Caroline Payne, Bob Buckland (tree warden), clerk Angela Gillingham and 6 residents.

1113. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mike Johnson opened the meeting and expressed a willingness to continue as Chairman. There were no further nominations and Cllr Johnson was elected as Chairman - proposed by Cllr Organ, seconded by Cllr Fray. A declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

1114. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Kate Organ expressed a willingness to continue as Vice Chairman. There were no further nominations and Cllr Organ was elected as Vice Chairman - proposed by Cllr Coutanche, seconded by Cllr Fray. A declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

1115. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from County Cllr Rebecca Knox and Dominie de la Poer (footpaths officer).

1116. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. They were proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Organ.

1117. MATTERS ARISING

Millennium Green – Mr P Hinton reported that work was progressing on updating the paperwork relating to the existing Trustees and removing the Trustees who wish to step down.

1118. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the A356 road scheme had been the major issue over the year and work on this was progressing. He thanked the clerk and his other councillors for their help and support over the year and also Dave McSkelly for his help with "The Pump and Pound" newsletter.

1119. CLERK'S REPORT

The parish council's Risk Assessment document was reviewed and accepted by the Council – proposed by Cllr Organ, seconded by Cllr Coutanche.

The Clerk gave a financial report for the year ending 31st March 2012.

Total receipts for the past financial year £3,645.80

Total payments for the past financial year £3,478.69

We came in more than £200 under budget for the year 2011-2012, but actual income exceeded expenditure by only £167.

We start the new financial year with £ 2,277.95 in the Parish Council account.

The accounts were available for inspection. The Accounts, Annual Governance Statement, Register of Assets and Internal Audit were adopted by the council. Proposed by Cllr Organ and seconded by Cllr Coutanche.

The clerk expressed thanks to Mr Peter Coles who carried out the internal audit.

1120. FOOTPATHS OFFICERS REPORTS

Report from Dominie de la Poer – footpaths officer for South Perrott.

The clerk read out a written report from Mrs de la Poer. She reported that there had been very few problems with the 10 footpaths and three bridleways in South Perrott. The signs for Footpath 9 which runs alongside Langmoor Lane were changed in March to correctly direct walkers through the first gate into the field. Access to Footpath 1 which runs adjacent to the Old School House towards North Perrott, continues to cause problems due to a rusty metal gate being repeatedly put across the entrance. Mrs de la Poer is in contact with the DCC Rights of Way officer about this.

Mrs de la Poer was thanked for her report.

1121. TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

Mr Bob Buckland reported that two trees with TPOs on them had blown over in the garden of Winton, South Perrott; one was a diseased Horse Chestnut and the other a healthy Walnut tree. It appears that the District Council does not delete a fallen TPO tree from its records but requires it to be replaced.

Mr Buckland was thanked for his report.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWED

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman