

Hinton St George Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Monday 22nd May 2017, 7.30pm at St George's Hall, Hinton St George

Present: Cllr's A. Cavendish (Chairman), F. Voss, B. Tyler, M. Phillips, C. Wookey, M. Herbert, I. Godfrey (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: 3 Members of the Public

1. **Election of Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman:** CW proposed to elect AC as Chairman, seconded by BT and FV proposed to elect RL as Vice Chairman, seconded by MH. Decision Made. There was an open vote and all were in favour. Adrian Cavendish accepted the office of Chairman of the Hinton St George Parish Council for the forthcoming year. Rupert Lewin accepted the office of Vice Chairman of the Hinton St George Parish Council for the forthcoming year.
2. **Public Forum:**
 - a) Has there been any feedback on Merriott Road? AC reported that Tim Percival has listened to the concerns of the village and is considering them. He mentioned that there would be more parking spaces, they are rethinking the lay out and there will be a conservation area leading to a gate towards Jubilee Woods. Mr Percival will be giving the village the village green which we wouldn't have to maintain.
 - b) Mr Clements reported that the drive leading up to the Church is failing and the PCC needs to do something about it. They have taken advice from SSDC and have 2 tenders which are close in costs at about £6500 + vat. The Church driveway is used by lots of people including many visiting the Churchyard. The Church has lots of expenses at the moment including a new boiler and paths being repaired totalling around £12,500. A Trust has been established but it can't cover all of the costs. The PCC is asking the parish council of a grant of £2000 towards the driveway with the remainder of the money coming from the PCC and the home owners on the driveway.
 - c) Why don't we have a Neighbourhood Plan? It would be easier to control if developers wanted to build as they have more statutory weight. AC is planning to do one this year and the advice we were given last year was that one wasn't necessary. AC suggested that we get the man who talked to us before to come and talk to us again, we could source out the work needed to create a Neighbourhood Plan and use our reserves to pay for it. AC will research, South Petherton have a Neighbourhood Plan we could look at. Agreed to discuss at our next meeting in June.
3. **Apologies for Absence:** R. Lewin.
4. **Minutes of last Meeting:** Approved as a true and proper record and signed by AC.
5. **Declaration of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
6. **Matters Arising**
 - a. IG to email all councillors with Policies and Procedures so that it can be review at the June meeting.
 - b. All Councillors approved the permanent appointment of the clerk.
7. **Planning**
 - a. No planning applications were put forward for review.
8. **Finance**
 - a. **Review of annual accounts and Internal Auditor feedback.** Councillors reviewed the annual accounts and the internal auditor statement. The Council read and approved the annual governance declaration ready for submission to the External Auditor, Grant Thornton. IG to action to post. The Internal Audit review was completed.
9. **Next Meeting Date** –The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th June 2016 at 7.30pm, in St Georges Hall. Meeting closed 8.00pm.