

BUCKLAND DINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 18 May 2017 in the Village Hall, Buckland Dinham

Present :

Councillors Tamsin Aston, Peter Corbett, Will Phippen and Paul Sherrin. Mendip District Councillor Edward Drewe. Ms Pauline Short parish clerk; 12 members of the public

Apologies : Councillor Alan King, John Reckless and Viv Street

Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, 26 May 2016 : Minutes were agreed and signed

Introduction by Councillor Tamsin Aston, Chair of the Parish Council:

Cllr Aston welcomed everyone and gave a brief outline of some of the council's activities since the last Annual Parish Meeting. In addition she gave those present the very recent good news that the police had set up a new point for monitoring traffic speeds through the village. The first period of monitoring by the police motorcycle team had produced a number of examples of exceeding the speed limit and there had been a promise to repeat the exercise. Cllr Aston also thanked council and clerk for their support during the year

Voneus Limited – Paul Lawrence, Chief Operating Officer for Voneus Limited, updated the group on the progress of the Voneus installation of our new broadband system towards completion and explained work that was still needed to finally finish it. He shared the stories of the challenges that had faced the installation teams, the lessons learned and the amendments made to date to produce the best results and mentioned that Voneus had recently set up an office in Rode to make them more accessible in the area

In particular he told the group it was still uncertain whether the relay system that had been put in place, to overcome the problem of the BT fibre cable not being connected in promised time, would eventually be replaced by fibre to the church. He also touched on the topic of VOIP telephone systems to replace land lines which may still be an opportunity for those who want it in the future. Voneus had identified new, more reliable, equipment to enable this.

During this session Paul also answered many and varied individual questions

Open Forum: The time spent with Paul Lawrence on the topic of broadband left very little time for more general discussion! However Judy Annan raised the point that Norton St Phillip, also in the Somerset County Council area, now had a 20 miles per hour speed limit throughout their village and that Faulkland was also expecting to have the same installed. Council will discuss this at their next meeting

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm for more discussion over refreshments