

BUCKLAND DINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 24 May 2018 in the Village Hall, Buckland Dinham

Present :

Councillors Tamsin Aston, Peter Corbett, Alan King and John Reckless. Mendip District Councillor Edward Drewe. Ms Pauline Short parish clerk; 5 members of the public

Apologies : Councillor Will Phippen and Viv Street

Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, 18 May 2017 : 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. Just a few of those she included were the successful introduction of our new broadband system, the start of a new initiative to try to make the main road safer, completion of an emergency contact list for the village, efforts to resolve the danger of water running down the hill, continuous action on pothole repairs, planning applications for buildings and trees, identifying responsibility for the wall by the bus stop so that it could be repaired, accepting the new playing field constitution, the removal of the disused phone box, and now preparing for the new data protection legislation

In addition Cllr Aston made an appeal to the very few residents present to spread the word to help find willing volunteers to work with the playing field committee, especially to help them find grant funding for the repairs needed, and for interested people to come forward so that the council can co-opt a new member to replace Councillor Paul Sherrin who, regrettably, had recently resigned

Traffic and speed issues on the A362:

Cllr John Reckless presented the result of work done by a small committee of councillors to identify the issues caused by traffic on the main road and to suggest solutions that could be considered. The report included the results of a questionnaire delivered to all residents earlier in the year plus evidence from data produced by Somerset County Council from the visiting speed indicator devices and, locally, by a team of residents who carried out our own traffic counts. Copies were available for those at the meeting to read

The finished document had been very recently sent to Somerset County Council officers and councillors, Mendip District Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and our Member of Parliament and currently results of that step were awaited

Open Forum:

The time spent on the topic of traffic left very little time for other items in the Open Forum. However comments were made about the need for more double white lines across Buckland Down to make it safer for residents turning right into houses there and the need for the white lines in the village to be painted more regularly, particularly the ones placed a few feet from the side of the road where there is no pavement to try to protect residents crossing

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm for more discussion over refreshments