

## Buckland Dinham Annual Parish Meeting - Minutes 22nd May 2023

<b>Present</b>	<b>Councillors: John Reckless, Alan King, Sarah Barnett, Lindsay James, Ian Blair, Elisita Kemp, Susie Hicks</b>
<b>Attending</b>	Approximately 70 members of the Village, Parish Clerk Diane Sleigh
	<b>Comment</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction from John Reckless, Chair of BD Parish Council</b>
	The Annual Parish meeting is organised by the Parish Council for the Village to gather to hear news from various groups from the previous year, their plans for the future, to bring ideas to Council, groups and offer help where they would like to.
	The precept is raised from residents via council tax to support village activities identified to the Parish Council for the benefit of villagers.
	There were 2 minute talks from the various groups who have displays around the hall. Many chats were had during the open session.
	safety, the work of the speedwatch team, progress on the installation of the speed indication devices, resurfacing of Elm Lane, white line repainting in some access areas, support for the Jubilee celebrations including sport, open gardens which raised approximately £2,000 towards repairing the church clock, joining the LCN.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Parochial Church Council - coffee mornings, events</b>
	Jill and Sarah gave an update and welcomed all the the coffee mornings. Sarah explained the changes with St Michael's changing to the Hardington Vale benefice, details in 5Alive.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Community Speedwatch</b>
	Thanks given to the team who have given many hours at the roadside to remind vehicles of the 20mph legal limit and to Elisita for coordinating which is now being done by Diane Sleigh.
	Pleas for ideas to appeal to drivers to see our main road as part of our Village. What does a Village look like, picket fences at entry points, road narrowing markings, hoe down?
<b>4.</b>	<b>Speed Indication Devices</b>
	Ian reports of frustratingly slow progress on getting the posts installed by Somerset Council.
	Legal documents have been signed and work continues to get the devices installed.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Parish Plan</b>
	Sarah outlined what the Plan is, what it is for, what it can achieve and the timeline.
	Residents can add their ideas of what they would like to see happening in the Village.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Communication</b>
	Lindsay requested ideas about how villagers would like to communicate about news, events, any issues - whatsapp, facebook, website. Please suggest ideas.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Playing Field</b>
	Sian gave an update on what has been happening, appeals for volunteers.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
	Susie gave an update on all the work that has been done in the past year, requested committee volunteers please.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Open Gardens</b>
	Marie gave an update that the event is on Sunday 25th June, where to collect maps and thanks to all those opening, making cakes and supporting the event.
	Thanks to Cooper and Tanner for the signage.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Photography</b>
	Elisita reported on the photographic competition and exhibition which was enjoyed by many.
	Some photos on display today.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Footpaths</b>
	Corinne reported on the many miles of footpaths checked.
	Alan reported on the Frome Missing Link.
<b>12.</b>	<b>The Bell</b>
	Roy and his family were very warmly welcomed to the Village.
	He gave an update on their progress and plans for the pub hoping that many would support them.
<b>13.</b>	<b>WI</b>
	Attendees encourage to visit the display table.
<b>14.</b>	<b>John Reckless</b>
	This part of the meeting was closed, all encouraged to chat with those at the tables, view displays, chat with all and enjoy the refreshments.