

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 21st MARCH 2016

PRESENT: Mrs R Jess (Chairman of the Parish Council in the Chair).
Parish Councillors: Mr D Broad, Mr C Poulton, Mr I Morgan, Mr I Robertson
Mrs E Broad (Parish Clerk).
6 Electors.
County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson.

APOLOGIES: Were received from Parish Councillor Mr M Fulford

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Extra Parish Meeting held on 12th May 2015 were circulated, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record with one change to page 1. The new Parish Councillors names were omitted and the number of electors increased to 76, as it was pointed out that at the time of the meeting, only 5 days after the election, the new Parish Councillors had not signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office so were not serving as Parish Councillors at that time.

MATTERS ARISING: There was none from the 12th May meeting or from the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman gave her report and it is attached to these Minutes.

CHARITY REPORTS:

Chedworth Allotment Charity: Mr Finch gave a brief report on the charity which recorded an income for the year of £1556.19 and an expenditure of nil, with an increased overall capital balance of £65097 and he was thanked by the Chairman.

Church and Community Lands Charity: Mr Bowley gave a brief report on the Charity which recorded a carried forward income less expenditure balance of £10447.79, with the investment account valued at £162233.13. Mr Musgrave questioned Mr Bowley about how the money from the sale of the land had been spent. The Chairman thanked Mr Bowley.

Chedworth Village Hall: Mr David Broad gave a brief report on the Village Hall. The Chairman thanked Mr Broad.

Hugh Westwood Educational Trust: There was no report this year. The Chairman asked the Clerk to follow this up with Mrs Marsden and ask for an item giving information about the Trust to be included in the Hill and Valley.

Chedworth Society: There was no report this year.

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County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson gave a brief report on Gloucestershire County Council. He spoke about the increase in Council Tax this year, the first rise in the County Council part of the Council Tax six years, mainly due to a drop in the Government subsidy. He also reported on the Highway's budget and broadband. The proposed meeting with the Mobile Phone companies has had to be abandoned due to the Mobile Phone companies not being willing to partake. He reported on road safety especially on the A429 where there had been 6 deaths during the past year. He also reported that social care took about 80% of the Council budget. Councillor Hodgkinson was questioned about the proposed unitary proposal between Cotswold District Council and West Oxfordshire District Council which he explained he was not in favour of. Nothing definite was on the table at present.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Miss Callard thanked the Parish Council for their work during the year.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.06 pm.

Chairman.....

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