

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 29th OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT: Mrs R Jess (Chairman of the Parish Council in the Chair).
Parish Councillors: Mr D Broad, Mr G Broad, Mr C Poulton, Mr I Robertson
& Mrs E Broad (Parish Clerk).
17 Parishioners

APOLOGIES: Were received from Parish Councillors Mr M Fulford & Mr I Morgan

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th March 2018 were read by the Clerk, agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: To be held over until the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting

CHARITES REVIEW - Discussions regarding the Chedworth Allotment Charity and the Community Lands Charity: Mr Iain Robertson opened the meeting by explaining why the Parish Council had agreed to a review looking at those charities that have trustees appointed by the Chedworth Parish Council, namely Chedworth Allotment and Chedworth Community Lands Charity. The Vicar, spoke as a trustee on the Community Lands Charity outlining the responsibilities and duties of the trustees. He also pointed out that the charities were governed by their rules, objectives and the Charity Commission and not by the Parish Council. Mr Nigel Finch gave a similar report on the Allotment Charity. The Chairman invited Mr Robertson to introduce some of the items on the list he had produced. Having clarity over the charitable objectives of the charities and understand the relevance of the charitable objectives in the light of time that has passed since the charities were first established were discussed. Several parishioners spoke and suggested several ideas including the possible merging of the two charities and spending some of the capital the charities administer to support projects to benefit the whole community. Others spoke about the need for the charities to preserve their capital for future need. Limiting the term of office for trustees was also suggested, as new trustees bring new perspectives, and also trying to attract younger members of the community to volunteer as trustees. During the discussions it was proposed by Mr Finch and seconded by Mr Selway to ask the trustees of the two charities to meet and have discussions among themselves, this was agreed with 12 votes in favour. The Chairman explained that the proposal from this meeting would be put to the Parish Council at this next meeting on 12th November but she also pointed out that any proposal from a Parish Meeting is not binding on the Parish Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.47 pm.

Chairman.....

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