

MARKSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

(Serving Marksbury, Hunstrete and Stanton Prior)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT STANTON PRIOR VILLAGE HALL

ON TUESDAY 9th MAY 2021 AT 7 PM

Present: Councillor Neil Dowdney (Outgoing Chairman)
Councillor Sally Collins Vice Chair
Councillor Sandra Harding
Councillor Alistair Hardwick
Councillor David Roberts

PCSO 7977 Rob Hendra, representative of Neighbourhood Policing Team. No members of the public were present

The outgoing Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

- 1. Election of New Chairman:** Cllr Collins was nominated for the position of chairman by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Harding, and unanimously elected. Cllr Collins accepted the position and subsequently signed Acceptance of office. The new Chairman, taking up office, gratefully thanked the outgoing Chairman of many years for his vast knowledge and support. The outgoing Chairman reciprocated by stating that he was privileged to serve the Parish.
- 2. Nomination for Vice Chairman:** Cllr Hardwick was nominated by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Harding, and unanimously elected. Cllr Hardwick accepted the position and subsequently signed Acceptance of Office.
 - 2.1 Election of Footpath Officer:** - This position remains vacant.
- 3. Apologies for absence:** B&nes Cllr Matt McCabe
- 4. To approve the Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of 17th May 2022:** The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed on the proposal of Cllr Harding, Seconded by Cllr Roberts.
- 5. Matters arising from Minutes** None to note
- 6. Annual Report of the Chairman:** The outgoing Chairman looking back on the past year, reported that Cllrs were involved in all aspects of Planning., Transport, Highways, Street lighting and environmental matters that make the village tick. Commenting on the loss of the bus service, we now see the **On Demand service**. All three defibrillators in the village are active and many thanks go out to the residents of Huntstrete for their very generous donations towards the new battery. It is hoped that Marksbury and Stanton Prior residents will follow suite as and when new batteries are required. On matters of Highway's, and the matter of the split in the road at the dual carriageway, Fix my street seems to work. S17 grants were given to Marksbury Village Hall, St Peters Church, Stanton Prior Village Hall Fund and also St Lawrence Church (Stanton Prior). Thanks were given to the acting Clerk for looking after the budget and spending. Final thanks were given to all councillors that he had the opportunity serving with on the council for many years.

7. Village Organisations and S137 Grant Recipients Reports:

- i Marksbury Village Hall.** – An emailed report was received and read out by the Clerk. It is reported that the funds are used to replace broken swings in children’s playground, and ROSPA inspection.
- ii Stanton Prior Hall Fund** – No report submitted at the meeting. Clerk to email requesting report.
- iii PCC St Peters church** - A letter of thanks was received and read out to the council. It is reported that the funds are used to maintain the upkeep of the churchyard
- iiii St Lawrence Church (Stanton Prior)** – An email of thanks was received and read out to the council. It is reported that the funds are used to support the upkeep of the churchyard.
- iiii PCSO Local Neighbourhood Police Team:** Our PCSO reported that there are no immerging trends crime wise in the rural community. Theft however features highly, ie opportunist theft from gardens, garden sheds etc, and people are encouraged to protect themselves and their property by making sure gates are closed and locked securely. Residents are also encouraged to have items marked and registered. This helps to have stolen items returned to the owners rather than being auctioned by the police. There will be a visit in the future from a new Neighbourhood police officer to the area, to introduce himself. Leaflets have been supplied to post to noticeboards, and Information on support organisations alongside PCSO’s report, will be posted on the Parish Website.

8. To appoint Council Representatives on Parish Organisations and other Bodies.

ALCA as and when availability of councillors.

9. Financial matters

- 9.1 To resolve this Parish Council exemption from a limited assurance review by the external auditor and to confirm the qualifying criteria is met. Proposed Cllr Roberts seconded by Cllr Harding.
- 9.2 Audit of Accounts 2021 – 2022: these were signed by David Robertson on 09/06/2022
- 9.3 David Robertson has agreed to be our internal auditor for the accounting year 2022 – 2023.

10. Comments and Questions from Residents. None to note

10. Date of Next Meeting. 14th May 2024

Meeting Closed at 7.40pm

Signed

Date

Jane Williams (Clerk)
Marsbury Parish Council
15/05/2023