

PITMINSTER ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of an Annual Parish Meeting, held in the Old School Pitminster, on Monday 12 May 2014, at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllr Dr D Edmondson (Chair); Cllrs Mrs S Wakefield, Mrs M Lee; Cllrs R Neale (Vice Chairman), A Whatmore, K Sanders, J Cannon, R Morgan

Mr R Tyzack (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Members of public

Cllr R Henley

1. Apologies

Nil

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 May 2013, already distributed, were approved, and signed. In future the minutes will be signed at the next parish council meeting following the annual parish meeting.

3. Chairman Report

As REPORTED. Now on file.

4. Election of Cllrs to specific appointments

RESOLVED the persons listed below serve as follows:

- Playing Fields Committee – Cllr Sarah Wakefield/ Cllr Dr D Edmondson and reserve Cllr Richard Morgan.
- Footpaths – Cllr A Whatmore and Mark Barnes
- Pitminster Charity – Pamela Hankey, Christine Robinson, Mike Sparks, Toby Snell and Bryan Thomas. (Term is on resignation or death)
- Cottage Trust – Cllr R Neale (4 year term ends 2015).

5. Public question time

S Leighner asked about speeding and what was being done. Chair explained that this was a difficult matter as people speed and although Police do check twice a month and any speeding cars are stopped and the driver spoken to by the officer. Speed watch was carried out. Adrian Hooper confirmed that the SID's had some effect but they were only displayed a few times a year. He went on to say that a very successful speed watch programme was on going in Hillfarance and Oake. Traffic calming had been requested through Highways however in order to have it would be required to have street lighting and numerous signs. There was no funding available at present to carry out this matter. The parking of cars in the main street does cause a degree of traffic calming.

A number of questions were asked regarding Wessex Water operations in the parish and the taking over of fields to keep equipment in. The destruction of verges. Peter Arscott interjected to say that it cannot all be blamed on Wessex Water. After the meeting Clerk spoke with Planning and Environment and it is noted that Wessex Water as a Statutory Undertaker, do not require planning permission for the works they do. However they are expected to repair any damage.

Mention was made of the main drain through Pitminster where it ends at a manhole prior to

proceeding across fields to Park Pale. At times of heavy rain this manhole cover blows off and sewage then continues down the road and into the water course at the end of the tree lined part of the lane. Clerk to write to Wessex Water.

Chair thanked Peter Arscott for the work he does on keeping various drains clear of debris when heavy rains are experienced.

6. Close meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2018

Signed...
Chairman

Date. 12 June 2014