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Henstridge Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual meeting for the Parish of Henstridge held at the Henstridge Village Hall on Monday 28th May 2012.

Present: Adam Temperton chaired the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. Also in attendance were David Nichols, Carolyn Nichols, Peter Crocker, James Fitch and the clerk, Zöe Godden. In addition approximately 17 members of the public attended the meeting. A list of those in attendance is attached to the minutes.

The meeting began at 19:30.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested all present to sign the attendance list.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Reverend Hallett, Bridget Hallett, Paul White, Caroline Rowland, Paul Brighten, Sue Place, Geoff Jarvis and Simon Cullum

2. To approve the minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting 2011.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the minutes be accepted without amendment.

3. Report from a Local Police representative

PCSO John Winfield's report is attached to these minutes.

In addition, PCSO Winfield reported that the new 101 telephone system is now running. Users have experienced some confusion as they have to dial then wait to make sure they are connected to the correct county.

When asked how many of the crimes reported were solved, PCSO Winfield said he did not have the figures, but that many had been solved. He also informed the meeting that property that cannot be repatriated is auctioned and the money put into a fund for allocating to the community.

4. Reports from Parish Organisations to include:

(i) Parish Council Chairman's report

Report attached to the minutes.

(ii) Parochial Church Council

Report attached to the minutes.

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(iii) Village Hall Management Committee

Report attached to the minutes.

(iv) Henstridge Cricket Club

The Sunday side is no longer competing in the league. For the last eight or nine seasons, they have been competing with big teams, such as Bournemouth, but they are running out of players. Attempts to develop a youth team have not been successful. The Saturday side is also struggling to find enough players. This is unfortunate as the ground in Henstridge is lovely, the groundsman and machinery are excellent and finances are healthy. The club is trying to address the lack of players.

(v) Henstridge United Football Club

Report attached to the minutes.

(vi) Cameo Club

No report

(vii) Line Dancing

No report

(viii) W I

Report attached to the minutes.

(ix) St Nicholas Primary School

Report attached to the minutes.

(x) Explorers Playgroup

The playgroup is doing well with 23 children attending and 11 starting in September. The waiting list is full. There have been some successful fundraising event recently, including a Facebook car boot sale and inclusion in the Dike and Son 'Making a Difference Locally' scheme. The playgroup is currently collecting fabric for the 'Bags to School' scheme, whereby groups receive payment for each kilo collected. A website is under construction. The playgroup wishes to thank the Line Dancing club for its donation which was spent on trikes. Forthcoming activities include apple juicing, lambs, trip to Farmer Palmers and a Jubilee party. The focus this half term is 'Keeping Safe' in conjunction with ROSPA.

(xi) Loose Ends

Loose Ends has been running for six years. Membership is slowly increasing, with more male attendees leading to an almost 50/50 male/female dynamic. Highlights this year were a party for the royal wedding, an outing to the

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Christmas grotto in Sherborne Castle Gardens and a Mad Hatters tea party for Jubilee Thames pageant.

(xii) Bell ringing

Nothing to report.

(xiii) Taekwondo

No report

(xiv) An opportunity for other bodies not listed on the agenda to make a report

Family History Group – The group is in the process of transcribing parish records. These will be available for public viewing at the back of the church over Jubilee weekend, between 2 and 5pm on the Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. For more information, call Margaret Hunt.

5. Open Forum

- The issue of raising the precept to fund a new village hall was brought up and there was some debate. One view was that the precept should be raised to cover some of the costs.
- It was pointed out that the Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for parish councillors to engage with parishioners, although not many had attended.
- Sam Best informed the council that she is working on a project with Yarlinton Homes called Community Organisers and that Henstridge has been identified as a parish that might benefit.

The meeting closed at 20:48.

Approved and signed by Chair _____

Date _____