STOWEY SUTTON

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at**

7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd May 2017, The Link, Bishop Sutton

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Present: Councillors K Betton (Chairman), L Balmforth, C Brookes, H Clewett (Vice Chair), E Daly, P Gleave, L Kingston, J Knibbs,

Also in attendance: J Howell (Clerk) eight Councillors and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Councillor R Brewer, B Braidley, R Brent and accepted.
2. Confirmation of Minutes
That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4th May 2016 were approved.
3. Chairman’s Annual Report

The Chairman, Keith Betton provided a report to the Parish on the activities of the Parish Council. Key items included that:

* The total number of serving councillors is eleven, leaving no vacancies, during the year two new members joined the council, Chris Brookes & Liz Kingston and one member, Tony Thornhill retired after many years' service.
* The ward councillor from B&NES, Victor Prichard attended all 10 meetings and has kept the Council advised of matters relating to that authority.
* The Parish Council had supported 13 of the 16 planning applications put before us, seen the neighbourhood plan quoted by the Secretary of State when deciding against further expansion of the Cappards Road development.
* Parish councillors have attended many meetings with local groups covering a variety of subjects such as health, security, transport, and policy development.
* The Parish Council have formally contacted B&NES on many occasions regarding the condition of roads and pavements within the Parish.
* Financial support requests from several village groups have been considered, with grants being offered to two.
* The Parish Council have progressed works to improve the drainage at the recreation ground, which should make the surface useable for far longer each year.
* The Parish Council provide a parish cleaner for the village and continued to financially support a weekly coach to the surgery.
* The Parish Council continues to maintain a website (stoweysuttonpc.org) where parishioners can access information on meeting dates, agendas, minutes and find contact information for both the Clerk and councillors.

The Chairman highlighted that it was difficult to summarise the many activities the Parish Council had undertaken, including some that individual councillors have contributed greatly to, and gave thanks to everyone who attends Parish Council meetings and works on behalf of the Parish Council.

1. Charities Reports
Reports were also received on behalf of the following charities:
2. Tegg Charity
Cllr Balmforth provided a report on behalf of Tegg Charity. The charity provides grants for children going into further education college or apprenticeships.
3. Richard Jones Foundation
Cllr Knibbs provided a brief report on behalf of Richard Jones Foundation. Trustees have met twice in the previous financial year and several grants have been made to students and those undertaking further education in various parishes.
4. Chew Magna Combined Charities
Cllr Knibbs also provided a report on the Chew Magna Combined Charities. There have been no grants made this year.

Copies of each report can be obtained from the Clerk and will be published on the Parish Council website.

1. Public Forum

Denise Mellersh attended the Annual Parish Meeting on behalf of the Chew Valley 10k. Organisers have made enquiries with the Football Club due to concerns over whether the grass will have grown on the Recreation Ground in time for the event.

Chew Valley 10k wish to keep race headquarters at the Village Hall. The route for the race is the same, portable toilets will be located at the back of the Village Hall and the Fun Run will be moved to the Football Club and start at 11:45 where there is safe pedestrian access to the Football Club from the Village Hall. Pre-registration will also take place on the Saturday and there will be no business sponsor presence so the hard-standing area at the Village Hall will predominantly be sufficient. Denise stated that the event may need use of a corner of the Recreation Ground to contain the first aid point, information point and kit storage outside. This will need to be considered at the June Parish Council Meeting as may require arrangements for part of the grass to be reseeded after the event.

Details of the event have already been distributed in the form of letters to residents but changes will be published in the Chew Valley Gazette.

So far, the event has 450 runners signed. This year the race is supporting three local charities - Blood bikes NICU Support, Bishop Sutton Primary School PTA and Chew Valley School Society. The event also supports the Avon and Somerset Search and Rescue Service, and the Community Paramedics.

A Councillor raised that there are at least three additional charities in the village who have not provided reports which includes Bishop Sutton Tennis Club, The Bishop Sutton Recreation Ground, and The Village Hall Charity. This was noted and an invitation will be made to all charities within the village to provide reports for the next Annual Parish Meeting.

1. Date for the next Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 2nd May 2018

The meeting was concluded at 9.40pm.

These minutes are in draft form and will not be approved until the next Annual Parish Meeting. Minutes are available on the Parish Council website: www.stoweysuttonpc.org/