

North Wootton Parish



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of North Wootton held in the North Wootton Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd May at 19.00

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.00

1. Welcome and review of the year

The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed those present to the Annual Parish meeting of North Wootton and apologised that District Cllr Nigel Hewitt-Cooper couldn't be there as he was attending the Chelsea Flower Show.

The Chairman then presented his report on the activities of the parish council during the year (report attached)

2. To hear from District and County Councillors

Cllr Graham Noel gave his report on Somerset County Council's activities. He informed that meeting that the county plan will continue with the setting up of a University and New Town. He noted that the region had had concerns with the previous requirement of devolution to have an elected mayor but that this requirement has now been dropped so the plan for Somerset, Devon, Plymouth and Torbay to join forces will continue. The new authority will manage transport and health amongst other things.

Cllr Noel asked if there was anything the parish would like him to take back to county as Full Council was due to take place the next day. Cllr Shimmin said that the usual complaints were still around regarding verges and that county will not take responsibility for fixing them. He noted that the parish of St Cuthberts Without appeared to have had their verges fixed. Cllr Noel asked whether the verges were on private or council land. Cllr Shimmin replied that he was repeatedly told that there were no funds to repair the verges irrespective of ownership. Cllr Noel informed the meeting that Cllr John Woodman was likely to be the new portfolio holder for Transport and suggesting contacting him. He further offered for Cllr Shimmin to email him and let him know where the problems were and he would forward the email onto Cllr Woodman and said that Cllr Hewitt-Cooper can also be involved. Cllr Shimmin added that he was being told that the verges were not sufficiently unsafe but many in the area were of the opinion that people driving small cars in some areas were in danger of rolling their cars. He noted that the development in Dulcote Quarry will increase traffic in the area and exacerbate the existing problem. Cllr Noel reiterated that he would support the parish with the issue.

3. Review of the year by the Headteacher of West Pennard School

The clerk read the report submitted by the Headteacher of West Pennard School (attached)

4. Review of the year from Sarah Laing, Chair of Village Hall, Village Green and Harvest Home Committees

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Sarah Laing gave her report of the year's activities for the various committees of which she is Chair. Cllr Bovey thanked Sarah for her report and the Village Hall Committee for all of the work they did during the year.

5. Public participation – open forum

The Chairman asked if parishioners present had any comments or questions. There were none.

The Chairman thanked the participants for their contributions and closed the meeting at 19.40

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