

Annual Parish Meeting of Exminster

19:30 Monday 14 March 2016

Approved Minutes agreed at the Annual Parish Meeting 2017

Present from the Parish Council – Mr Peter Chandler, Mr John Goodey, Mr Richard Morgan, Mr John Ponsford, Mr Kevin Smith, Mrs Josie Walledge (Chairman), Mrs Jill Daw (Clerk), Mrs Helen Hibbins (Deputy Clerk)

23 members of the public in attendance

Apologies

Mr Derek Madge, Mrs Caroline Aird, PC Jonathan Croft, Mrs Jenny Luscombe, Mr Chris Maynard, Mrs Sarah Whalley

Presentation by Phil Wise, Chairman of Teignbridge Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Wise gave a brief history of Neighbourhood Watch and explained how the public could report crime or suspicious activity via 101.

DNA property marking kits were advertised as a way of ensuring that stolen property was returned to its owner.

The link between Neighbourhood Watch and Health Watch was outlined. Mr Wise highlighted the need for more coordinators in Exminster.

Members of the public asked questions.

The Chairman thanked Mr Wise for his presentation.

Presentation by Peter Chandler from Exminster Green Spaces Group

Mr Chandler explained the link between the Green Spaces Group and the Exminster Community Plan Steering Group.

Projects were outlined, with accompanying photographs.

Local organisations were thanked for their assistance and financial contributions.

The Chairman thanked the speaker and invited questions.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 25 March 2015

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

The Chairman signed the Minutes.

Matters Arising

None.

Chairman's Parish Council Report

The Chairman reported on the work of the Parish Council over the past 12 months

Membership/Appointments

- Councillors Aird and Short stood down from the Council at the May '15 elections and were thanked for their input on the Parish Council.
- 5 Councillors stood for re-election and were appointed – Cllrs Goodey, Smyth, Maynard, Madge and Walledge.
- Councillors were co-opted throughout the year: Cllrs Wood, Morgan, Hussey, Chandler, Ponsford, and Smith. Cllr Hussey had subsequently resigned for personal reasons, leaving one vacancy.
- Cllr Goodey was thanked for stepping up to Chair the Parish Council from May to Sept '15

Property & Amenities

- A Tennis Court, Multi Use Games Area and Outdoor Gym were installed at Deepway Green/Spurfield, with additional refurbishment of the Under 8's play area and Skate Park. (Funding was received for the projects from Viridor Credits, a Rural Aid Grant and Elector Fund Grant).
- Work had taken place to the Victory Hall including new windows in the Annexe.
- Investigative work to the banks at St Martins Football pitch were continuing.
- The Parish Council were now responsible for the upkeep of the southern side of Hospital Drive.
- Additional grass cutting had been agreed for Reddaway Drive
- The grasscrete car park on Farmhouse Rise was under review

Planning & Development

- Many small-scale applications within the Parish had been considered by Council.
- Dialogue continued with Devon County Council regarding highways matters at Milbury Reach.
- Planning Conditions at Courtenay Grange were regularly on the Parish Council agenda, for monitoring.
- Community Infrastructure Levy would be received by the Parish Council due to the developments at Courtenay Grange, Exminster House and Matford.

Finance

- A 2% increase in precept was necessary to support the Parish Councils Budget.
- Community Small Grants had been awarded to a number of local organisations.
- Provision of defibrillators within the village had been supported by fundraising by the Methodist Church and St Martins, alongside an Elector Fund grant and pledged funding from the district Councillors.
- The Deepway Centre and Victory Hall had benefitted from Rural Aid grants for upgrading their fire equipment.
- Future projects in the village under consideration were work to the Deepway Centre and provision of toilets at Deepway Green, roofing work for the Victory Hall, work to Highways and the provision of an off road cycle path throughout the village.

Thank you to

- Mr Henry Fowler - Groundsman
- Miss Katie Langdon - Litter Picker and cleaner/caretaker
- John Rice – Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
- Belinda Newton – HR Dept
- District & County Councillors
- Members of Green Spaces Group, Community Plan Steering Group and Neighbourhood Development Plan Implementation Group
- Regular attendees of Parish Council meetings
- The Clerk and Deputy Clerk

Public Forum

The following questions were raised:

- Why had the Council tax been raised when the Parish Council would be in receipt of large funds?
 - It was explained that the precept covered the ongoing running costs of the Council while the income from development was for larger projects.
- Was the proposed bus shelter at Milbury Reach going to be on the inbound or outbound side of the road, as if it was on the outbound side, the position of the bus stop would need moving?
 - The Parish Council continued their dialogue with Devon County Council regarding the bus stop, but there was no further information available.
- When Devon County Council adopt the roads at Milbury Reach, would it include the footpaths, as the footpath into Brunel View was loose shingle and not fit for purpose, causing pedestrians to walk in the road?
 - It was suggested that this was a matter to be resolved between Devon County Council and the developer.
- What were the implications of the Matford Home Park land being up for sale?
 - Cllr Goodey explained that the land agent was selling the land to a developer on behalf of the owner, now that outline planning permission had been granted.
- Reassurance was sought that Community Infrastructure Levy being received from the Courtenay Grange and Exminster House Developments would be spent within the village.
 - Cllr Goodey explained the list of community plan projects and Neighbourhood Development Plan projects. Some of the projects eligible for Community Infrastructure Levy were within the village.
- A Sentries Orchard resident was concerned about boundaries relating to the planning permission for Courtenay Grange.
 - Cllr Goodey agreed to look into the matter. Cllr Walledge explained that if there was an enforcement breach then that could be addressed by the council.
- Could the green spaces group have a map of Parish property?

- The Clerk would endeavour to provide this.
- Could unapproved council minutes be posted on the Parish Council notice board so that there was less of a delay between the meeting and the minutes being available.
 - The Clerks explained that advice had been sought on this matter and it was not considered best practice. Now that the meetings were every fortnight, rather than montly, there was less of a delay in the minutes being published.

Annual Report from Exminster Community Plan Steering Group (CPSG)

Mr David Nappin was introduced as the secretary of the CPSG and gave a power-point presentation which started by explaining the purpose of the Community Plan and the Steering Group's involvement with it. The group reported and monitored actions from all parties involved in the implementation of the projects identified within the plan.

Mr Nappin was thanked for his presentation. It was noted that the Community Plan Steering Group Annual Report would be uploaded to the Parish Council website.

A member of the public thanked Councillors for their work throughout the year.

The Chairman thanked the public for attending.

The meeting closed at 21:00

Signed.....Josie Walledge.....

Date.....3rd April 2017.....