

# WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY AT 7PM ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2019 IN WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

### 1. Attendance Register and Apologies

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chairman), Cllr C Harper, Cllr D. Bellini, PCSO S May, Cllr E Heron (HCC and NFDC), Mr E. Hale (Clerk)

Public: Mrs N Manston, Mrs J Kinsey, Mrs C Thompson, Mr C Cobb-Smith, Mr M Price

Apologies: Cllr H Sutton, Cllr G Dominey

PCSO S May spoke about the current Police structure in the area and gave a report on the level of different types of crimes being committed. He spoke about the challenges of covering a large rural area but said his team now work closely with Police forces in Wiltshire and Dorset. The use of Whats App to share information in rural communities was good.

Cllr Harper said it was difficult to keep land secure when it was crossed by byways. Cllr Thompson asked about Speedwatch and PCSO May said this were being revived in some local villages

### 2. Annual Report by Chairman

Thank Yous. The Chairman congratulated Cllr Heron on his re-election, and congratulated his fellow Councillors on being elected. He thanked all Whitsbury Councillors for their work during the previous year and particularly Cllr S Locock and Cllr N Manston for their work, as they had stepped down from the Parish Council. He also thanked the Parish Clerk, Mr E Hale

Infrastructure. The Chairman spoke about concerns on the condition of local roads, and the poor broadband and mobile coverage. A success had been the setting up of the village website which is being used to publicise village events

Planning and Property. There had been some interesting planning applications during the year and progress was being made on many of the building works. The Old Post Office and neighbouring cottages had been renovated and extended. Work was progressing on the former Methodist Chapel and the new property to replace Whitsbury Cross Cottage. The Cartwheel had been renovated and was now open again four nights each week. There had been recent applications to improve Glebe House and Whitsbury Cross House. The transfer of the Woodside Close open space had moved forward but was not finalised yet.

Safety. The local Whats App was being used by local residents to share information on what is happening in the local area. The defibrillator is fully operational and many residents have been trained on its use. Mr C Cobb-Smith is now a First Responder and local defibrillator expert

Village Events. There had been a very successful village show which will return in 2020. The village had hosted an informative liaison meeting for the neighbouring parishes in January

Precept. Lastly the Chairman was pleased that the village had been able to keep its precept at the same level as the last few years and remains one of the lowest in this area

### **3. Annual Financial Statement by Clerk**

The Clerk summarised the accounts for the previous financial year which showed the Parish Council had an increase in the total amount held of £274.27 making the total in the two bank accounts of £4,723.53

The overall income of £1,801.27 comprised the precept of £1,800 and interest payments of £1.27

The overall expenditure of £1,527.00 comprised £218 for insurance, £300 to the Church, £139 to Hampshire Association of Local Councils, £50 to the Citizens Advice Bureau, £580 to S Colborne for open space maintenance, and £240 to Mr E Hale for Clerk duties

### **4. Review of Minutes of Parish Assembly from 2018**

There were no items raised on the previous minutes

The minutes were approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman

### **5. Items raised by Members of the Public**

None

**Meeting Closed:** 7.30pm

Edward Hale. 20.05.19