



HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Henstridge Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday 28th April 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom Conference Call Facilities

Present: There were 8 members of the Parish Council present, the Parish Clerk and 7 members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7:00pm with the Chairman of the Parish Council welcoming everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies had been received from District Councillor Hayward Burt and Parish Councillor Jane Rose. Jane Rose stated she would be submitting reports about the Youth Club and Henstridge Summer Festival in due course and the Clerk confirmed once received they would be added to the Annual Parish Meeting Reports – Appendix 1.
2. **To approve the minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting 2019:** Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 29th May 2019 were agreed and approved as an accurate record of the meeting. Ken Courtenay commented that the contract and SLA with the Community Council for Somerset providing a Village Agent had ceased since the meeting.
3. **Parish Council Chair's report:** The Chairman of the Council, Ken Courtenay provided a comprehensive verbal report detailing the past year. A full copy of the report can be found in the Annual Parish Meeting Reports – Appendix 1.
4. **Open Spaces Committee Chair's report:** Chairman of the Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee gave an in-depth report into the actions of the committee over the past year. A full copy of the report can be found in the Annual Parish Meeting Reports – Appendix 1.
5. **Receive an update from the Parish Clerk on the new play area project:** The Parish Clerk provided an update on the project and confirmed that grant funding had been awarded from Viridor Credits with AJN Steelstock acting as the Contributory Third Party, for which, the Clerk thanked them. The Clerk confirmed that remaining funding would come from s106 funds and earmarked reserves. The Clerk stated she hoped work would commence in time for the summer holidays.
6. **Report from a Local Police representative:** No report received.
7. **Reports from Parish Organisations:** The Clerk stated that a number of reports had been submitted prior to the meeting and these had been put into a document; the Annual Parish Meeting Reports – Appendix 1.
8. **Open Forum – Ideas from residents and question and answer session regarding the Council's draft Action Plan:** A member of the public thanked the Parish Council and the Clerk for all they do for the parish. John Graham mentioned that the recreation ground was a fantastic facility with most of the amenities funded by grant funding by the current and previous Councils.

Elsbeth Graham provided information about plans to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 stating that a working party had been formed and various events were being planned. Headteacher of St Nicholas Primary School, Alison Shearer, stated that in 2022 the school would be celebrating its 150th anniversary and this could be combined with Jubilee events. The Parish Clerk provided information about this year's entry into South West in Bloom and asked if the school could be involved. Jane Jeanes responded that the school had a learning garden which could be implemented into the scheme. To conclude, a WI representative stated they were looking at a planting project within Oak Vale Woods.

The meeting closed at 7:35pm

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