



HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Henstridge Annual Parish meeting held on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 7:00pm at Henstridge Village Hall

Present: There were 10 members of the Parish Council present, the Parish Clerk and 18 members of the public and organisation representatives.

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, District and County Councillor William Wallace and Parish Councillor Barry Howlett.
2. **To approve the minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting 2021:** Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 28th April 2021 were agreed and approved as an accurate record of the meeting. The Parish Council Chairman duly signed the minutes.
3. **Parish Council Chair's report:** Cllr Courtenay, Chairman of the Parish Council, reminded those present that the Annual Parish Meeting was not a Parish Council meeting but is facilitated by the Parish Council. Cllr Courtenay presented members of the Parish Council in attendance and welcomed new members. Cllr Courtenay thanked departing members of the Parish Council or those not re-elected. Cllr Courtenay reported that the 2021/22 internal auditing of the account had been passed without comment. A full copy of the report can be found in the Annual Parish Meeting Reports Appendix 1.
4. **Open Spaces Committee Chair's report:** Cllr C Nichols, Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee gave an in-depth report into the actions of the committee over the past year. A full copy of the reports can be found in the Annual Parish Meeting Reports Appendix 1.
5. **Report from a Local Police representative and Q&A session:** No report received.
6. **Reports from Parish Organisations:** The following village representatives provided a verbal report:
 - Alison Shearer – Headteacher St Nicholas Primary School
 - Jane Rose – Chair of Henstridge Summer Festival
 - Jane Rose - Parish Council representative for Youth
 - Cllr E Graham – Parish Councillor arranging Jubilee events

A summary of these reports, and those submitted prior to the meeting can be found in the Annual Parish Meeting Reports Appendix 1.

The Clerk stated that the report document would be posted on the Parish Council website.

7. **Open Forum – Ideas from residents and question and answer session regarding the Council's Action Plan:** The Clerk stated that she had created a feedback form and the Parish Council would welcome any comments. A lady asked for clarity regarding the social care contract mentioned in the Action Plan. Further comments from parishioners included several Highways and parking issues and the new large housing development. Cllr Courtenay provided explanation on planning procedures and information about the planning application.

A resident asked about the location of the Furge Lane field mentioned in the Action Plan. Cllr Courtenay explained its whereabouts and welcomed suggestions for use of the field stating that initial ideas included planting, a woodland or memorial woodland. A parishioner reported his desire to see the Rail to Trail footpath to Stalbridge and Templecombe come to fruition. Cllr D Nichols provided information about planned EV charging points in the Village Hall Car Park and welcomed comments. Concerns from residents were raised including lack of parking, location of charging points, number of charging points, benefit to the village, lease agreement and length of contract. Cllr Courtenay requested a show of hands of those present in favour of the EV Charging points with 4 in favour and the remainder against.

Prior to the close of the meeting Cllr Courtenay thanked the WI for providing refreshments.

The Meeting closed at 8:12pm

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