

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 18 MAY AT 7.00PM, IN THE PARISH PAVILION

PRESENT: Cllr Foot, Cllr Needham, Cllr Ames, Cllr Osmond, Cllr Baker, Cllr Manny, Cllr Simpson, Cllr Townsend

17 parishioners

2023/1 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Manny and Cllr Haynes.

2023/2 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chair Cllr Foot welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2023/3 - BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Chair, Cllr Foot read the annual report which outlined the work and achievements carried out by the Council over the past year. Councillors, Clerk and Volunteers were thanked for their hard work and commitment.

2023/4 - PRESENTATION OF AWARD FOR YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS

Four Youth Club Members have been awarded a Dorset Award this year for their work as young leaders and their support for the Pantomime in a Day. Chris Loder MP, presented them with their certificate and gift.

2023/5 – PRESENTATION AND REPORTS FROM GUEST SPEAKERS

MP CHRIS LODER

Chris Loder MP, talked about the three areas he is involved with, Environment, Energy and Crime. He also advised that it was highly likely (65% chance) that Buckland Newton would change from West Dorset to North Dorset as part of the Boundary Review. The result would be available in approximately 6 weeks. He also took questions from members of the public.

CLLR JILL HAYMES, CHALK VALLEY WARD, DORSET COUNCIL

Cllr Jill Haynes was unable to attend the meeting, but she provided a report giving information on:

- Potholes and Roads Maintenance
- Levelling up funding for Weymouth
- Parking Fines
- Second Homes Council Tax
- Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) scheme
- Electric Vehicle charging points.

2023/6 - REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

Reports were received from the following (attached):

- Car Scheme
- Community Connections
- Lunch Club
- Lydden Vale Gardening Club
- Primary School
- Youth Club
- Allotments
- Knit and Natter

2023/7 - MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH RESIDENTS

- Parishioner requested an update on the plans to alleviate flooding
- Parishioner noted that Parish Council was getting independent advice regarding the Parish Paddock and wanted to ensure that the Parish Council would investigate options of being able to use the schools sport facilities
- Parishioners concerned about losing trees in hedges – could trees be replaced?
- Parishioner thought advertising of annual meeting could have been better.

2023/8 – VOTE OF THANKS AND CLOSURE OF MEETING

Cllr Foot thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.