

The Parish of Dilton Marsh

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 16 May 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr Hutt (Chair), Cllr Harris, Cllr Gibbs, Cllr Poynton, Cllr Howells, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Morland (in the public gallery) and Cllr Short.

In attendance: Nicola Duke (Parish Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

Cllr Jarvis had sent apologies for absence, due to poor health.

1. The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed those present to the meeting.
2. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 May 2018 were approved for accuracy and adopted with one spelling amendment (proposed Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Poynton).
3. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Hutt, tabled a report covering the Council's activities during the year and this is appended to the minutes. Cllr Hutt read through the report.
4. A Statement on the Annual Accounts of the Parish Council for FY2018/19 was presented and copies of the accounts were available on request. The Clerk confirmed that the accounts had been examined by the internal auditor who had no matters to report regarding either financial management or governance. The income for the year had been £46,000 and the expenditure £22,575. The parish council was reported as holding reserves of £43,075 into the 2019/20 financial year. It was noted that the majority of these funds were earmarked for projects and future capital replacement of the play area.
5. Wiltshire Council Councillor, Cllr Wickham had presented apologies for absence due to ill health.
6. Resolutions of which written notice has been given – none had been received.
7. Parish Forum

Mrs Cavanna - spoke on behalf of the Westbury Gasification Group, which also covered the Ethandune ward. She outlined the proposed plans, the potential impact on the community and her concerns relating to them. She reported that she had attended 3 Council meetings during the past year to speak to planning applications relating to the site. She went on to note the Parish Council's responses to those applications and the outcomes at Wiltshire Council. She confirmed that the deadline for comments in relation to the trench application had been extended due to omissions and errors in Wiltshire Council's consultation process. She reported that the Committee date for this application to be considered was expected to be 19 June 2019. Mrs Cavanna noted that the group had used the Memorial Hall for a fund raising event. She thanked the Council for listening to the group's comments and concerns over the year and appreciated the attendance of the Chair at the Wiltshire Council meetings relating to this site. She went on to highlight the importance of environmental issues both locally and nationally. The Chair thanked Mrs Cavanna for her input.

Mrs Stride - resident of Petticoat Lane reported she had received notice of a planning application relating to Russett Cottage. She reported that she had viewed the plans, which had not shown her property correctly on the map. She queried where the building materials, equipment and vehicles would be placed as other building work near to her house had, in the past, impacted on her quality of life over

several months. The Chair confirmed with Mrs Stride that she had submitted her concerns to Wiltshire Council. It was noted that the planning application concerned was an agenda item for the AGM and Mrs Stride's comments would be taken into consideration during the debate on that item.

Mrs Stansfield – resident of 4 Atyeo Close and reported she was attending to discuss issues with parking at the location entering and exiting the close and their properties. She reported that she had contacted the local police via 101 who had visited the site. She had been asked to monitor the vehicle owner and the police had attended and confirmed that there were no restrictions on parking locations. She reported that the problem was particularly difficult at school run times due to parking restrictions along the High Street. She stated that the situation was an accident waiting to happen and the cars were now parking on the pavements as well as the roads.

Mrs Packer – spoke in relation to the issue raised by Mrs Stansfield reporting that she had spoken to some residents in question who had confirmed the police had informed them there were no parking restrictions. She felt it was an example of the traffic problem in the village, informing members that she felt strongly about this issue. Mrs Stansfield suggested that preventing double parking and permitting parking on one side of the road would assist in resolving this issue. The Chair thanked the residents for their comments, confirming that the parish council was aware of and understood the issues and was trying to seek resolution to the issues in the village. It was agreed that the Council would ask the Highways department at Wiltshire Council to visit the site and suggest some options for preventing double parking along the High Street.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.05 pm.