

WEST QUANTOXHEAD ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – 18th MAY 2022

The Annual Parish Assembly was held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the above date.

PRESENT: Councillor P Mote (Chairman)
Councillors R Hughes, Mrs S Sherry, Mrs A Cottrell, Mrs P Gibbons
SCC Councillors Davies and Woods
Mrs M Francis (Parish Clerk)
6 Parishioners

The Chairman welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Philipson, SWT Cllr Morgan
2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2021:** The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. **TALK FROM REMINISCENCE LEARNING**

A very informative talk was given from Reminiscence Learning on the experiences of dementia and the support, training and respite they offer. Also, explaining the Archie Project. Their website has lots of help and information.

Cllr Davies said there were plans to transform services in County, which may help.

4. **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:**

Cllr Woods – very little to report as new in role but wanted to be involved with the area and meet people to help communities.

Cllr Davies – press releases from SCC had been reported at Parish Meetings. As of 1st April 2023, the new unitary council will take over, with 110 members. The Chief Executive had given his notice – concern was noted who would be taking over.

SOMERSET WEST AND TAUNTON COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr Morgan had given his apologies, no report.

5. **PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Councillor P Mote:

A minute's silence was held in memory of former Parish Council Chairman, Gordon Tizzard, who had recently passed away.

Report:

I succeeded Gordon as Chairman last May when we were still unable to hold meetings in person. Now holding meeting in the Village Hall again.

Planning Applications: We have had 12 planning applications since the last Parish Assembly.

Business: We have various ongoing matters that the Parish Council are trying to deal with:-

- Village entry sign on A39 Bridgwater side

- Replacement of Staple Lane street sign
- Overgrown hedges on the Avenue
- Trees over the footpath from the Village Hall to the Garage
- Maintenance of footpath in Vinny Coombe

A replacement grit bin for Hill Lane had been purchased and delivery was awaited

Currently there is one vacancy on the Council which will be advertised

A sub committee had been organising the Jubilee celebrations

Cllr Cottrell and Cllr Gibbons gave an update of the celebrations being organised

6. FINANCIAL REPORT: PARISH CLERK: The Clerk gave a verbal report and advised a precept of £2,760.00 had been requested.

7. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS:

WI – Many meetings had been missed due to covid-19, but some had been held, including the Christmas lunch. All were encouraged to join. They were looking to donate a Rowan Tree at Bracken Edge and would liaise with the Parish Council.

VILLAGE HALL – The painting of the hall had been delayed due to personnel circumstances. The committee would welcome feedback from villagers and users

CRAFT GROUP – The group were working hard towards the Jubilee flower display and mosaic. The group was flourishing

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- A comment was made regarding the finances of the Parish Council and that parishioners were not aware of what the Parish Council did, they need to be encouraged to attend meetings.
- The Chairman agreed that the precept would need to be looked at closely – lucky that an election was not called, it had been recommended to budget for up to £1,500.00. Reserves would need to be built up for future possible costs.
- The meetings, website and reports would be submitted to Staple Diet

The Chairman thanked all for attending and for the refreshments being served.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed: ... Cllr P Mote
Chairman

Date:17th May 2023