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**EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the East Chinnock Annual Parish Meeting that was held on Monday 7 April 2014 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Present;

Chairman	Mr M Slater
Councillors	Mrs R Carter, Mrs M Merchant, Mr B Murdoch & Mr I Stephen.
Officer	Miss C Langford
Non Councillors	3 Parishioners
County/District	Mr R Pallister

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Sinclair & Cllr N Weber.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting;** the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 8 April 2013, that had been previously circulated to members were approved as a true record and then signed by the Chairman

**3. Matters arising from the minutes;** the new layby bin is in place.

**4. Chairman's Report;** The Chairman reported on activity within the village over the past year and thanked Councillors for all their hard work.

This year the Council has started the process of creating a Parish Plan, supported the creation of allotments and the installation of traffic islands on the A30. The new Ranger scheme seems to be meeting the needs of the Parish.

It was noted that the Bonfire Event was the usual success but the Barn Dance was not supported and so the Entertainments Committee is working on an alternative summer event.

The village walks and Health Walks continue to be popular and the Village Hall continues with their successful coffee mornings and monthly lunches and the outreach Post Office service.

Although the village had been deluged with rain and battered by gales over the winter we were fortunate compared with those flooded communities on The Levels.

The Chairman thanked the Jewells for their hard work and diligence with the village website and Alix Janes for her success with The Chimes.

The Chairman thanked all the Councillors for their support and hard work, our District Councillor Mr Pallister and County Councillor Mr Fysh and the Clerk for her hard work and timeless support to keep the Council operating.

The Chairman finished by asking parishioners to consider putting themselves forward for the next Parish Council elections in May 2015. A copy of the full report is on file.

**5. Public Question Time;** i) In response to a query about drains the meeting was informed that the bus stop drain is about to be jetted and that the drain in Forge Lane is not SCC responsibility. This matter is being pursued with SCC as this drain is also collecting water from Weston Street. Cllr Mrs Carter to discuss with the parishioner outside of the meeting.

ii) In answer to the question who has paid for the traffic islands - Somerset County Council. It was clarified that parishioners have the opportunity to view the Annual Return of accounts and that all items of Income and Expenditure are stated in the Minutes.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm there being no other business.

Signed ..... (Chair) Date.....

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