

EAST CHINNOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Chinnock Annual Parish Meeting that was held on Monday 13th April, 2015 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Present:

Councillors: Mr N Weber, Mr B Murdoch and Mr M Bussell

Officer: Mrs M Randell

Non Councillors: 1 Parishioner

District Councillor: Mr R Pallister

1. Chairman: In the absence of Cllr M Merchant it was agreed that the meeting would be chaired by Cllr N Weber.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr M Merchant, Cllr I Stephen, Cllr R Carter and Cllr J Cox

3. Minutes of the last meeting: the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7th April, 2014, that had previously been circulated to members were approved as a true record and then signed by the chairman. This was proposed by Cllr B Murdoch and seconded by Cllr M Bussell

4. Matters arising from the minutes: it was noted that it had been established that the drain in Forge Lane is on private land and any blockage is a private matter for the residents to attend to.

5. Chairman's Report: Cllr M Merchant had sent a written report and this was read out. The report highlighted the activities in the village over the past year. As well as the regular monthly lunches and coffee mornings there is now a new Kurling Group. She thanked all those involved in organising these activities and also those producing the Chinnock Chimes and village website. The mobile library and outreach Post Office services continue and the village now benefits from visits by a new mobile grocery van.

The Entertainments Committee organised enjoyable and profitable summer Fun Day and Bonfire Night events and additional tents have been purchased. The Community Speed watch Team continue to monitor the problem of speeding traffic through the village.

The village has benefited from another Health & Wellbeing Grant and this has been used to purchase a table tennis table and a new seat by Border Bridge. The grant from last year was used to buy new croquet equipment as sadly the allotment project did not proceed. The village has also received a grant for Flood Mitigation work to aid the flow of water in Westway and Cod Lane.

A steering group have been formed to lead The Parish Plan and they are meeting regularly to produce a plan for the village. The Portman Arms has been registered as a Community Asset and a steering group are being set up to try and retain the site for the benefit of the village.

The Chairman thanked all the councillors, including those from the District and County Councils who keep us informed of their council's activities. She noted that there had been a change of clerk and that Cllrs Sinclair and Slater had left during the year and been replaced by Cllrs Bussell and Cox. She also thanked everyone who had supported her during her time as Chairman.

A copy of the full report is on file.

5. Public Question Time: There were no matters raised.

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

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

Copies of these minutes can be found on the village website at www.EastChinnock.com

M Randell Parish Clerk – April 2015.