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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE WHIPPINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE WHIPPINGHAM, ISLE OF WIGHT AT 7.15PM ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019

Nine Residents were present.

### 1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence was received from Cllr Julia Baker-Smith

### 2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MAY 2018

The minutes of the meeting were approved

### 3. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE PARISH CHAIRMAN

#### **Whippingham Parish Council**

Whippingham Parish Council has met on 11 occasions during this last year. We publicise our Council Meetings on the Parish Notice Boards and also on our website. The Council acts on behalf of the local Community on many wide and varied issues. The Council responds as a Stakeholder Consultee for the Isle of Wight Council, Central Government and other Bodies. Whippingham Parish Council receives regularly reports on events at County Hall as they affect Whippingham and the surrounding area.

The Council is pleased that we still have our mobile Post Office even though it is operating part of 1 day a week and urge as many people as possible to use it or we will definitely lose it. The Council would like to place on record a continued thank you to Whippingham

Community Association for all the events they have put on for our Community throughout the year and also the hard work they put into keeping our Community Association Hall going.

#### **Parish Councillors.**

- Our Councillors continue to be the eyes and ears of the community and deal with many problems on behalf of their electorate. They also bring forward local problems to the Parish Meetings.
- Councillors represented Whippingham at the Annual Remembrance Service at St Mildred's Church and also the dedication of the Remembrance seat that took place after the Service. They represented the Parish at the Romanoff Memorial dedication
- Our Councillors as well as our Clerk have continued to attend training sessions to keep them updated as things affecting Local Government are continuing to change at a fast rate.

#### **Parish Council Meetings**

The Localism Bill has meant that the Council has been able to continue to use the General Power of Competence because we have a CiLCA qualified Clerk with the appropriate certificate that has allowed us to do it. This gives the Council scope to do many things. The Council has also updated many Policies including the Financial Risk Management Policy. The Council has continued to bring to the notice of the Isle of Wight Council problems that have arisen in Whippingham throughout the year. The Police due to cutbacks no longer attended our meetings and it is a shame to have lost this point of contact.

The Council has dealt with many matters including the following:-

There are still ongoing concerns about speeding on Whippingham Road and Alverstone Road Council is still continue to pursue this as a matter of urgency.

- The Council has given grants to support local organisations as well as obtaining 106

money for the Mini Bus for people at Medina

- New Memorial benches have been purchased and installed along the main road.
- The Council are still pursuing the ongoing problems at Brocks Copse and working with other agencies on this matter.
- The Council has again put up a Christmas Tree in the grounds of Whippingham Hall so it could be seen by people in all directions. We were so pleased that people have enjoyed having a Christmas Tree again in the Village
- We continue to supporting Care in the Garden.
- We have had a guest speaker come and talk to us about dementia.
- We have had a meeting with English Nature regarding the coastal path. This is an ongoing problem.
- We have had the tree stump in Alverstone Road carved showing Badgers coming out of a hole. It looks beautiful. A lovely carving that people have enjoyed.
- We have been able to hand over the money we were looking after for Kissies Garden and that project is now complete.

#### **Parish Council Consultations**

The Council has been consulted on various matters including the following:-

- The Council has been consulted on the Isle of Wight Council Budget.
- It has been consulted on the New Island Plan.
- It has been consulted on the Coastal Path
- It has not been consulted on the Crossways development.

#### **Parish Council Planning Consultation.**

The Isle of Wight Council has asked the Parish Council for their views on a number of Planning Applications during the year. The Parish Council responded with their comments on these planning applications.

The Council no longer has plans sent to them as all plans have to be viewed/downloaded from the Isle of Wight Council's website which is now being updated with a Council Portal.

The Council was consulted on the building of the football ground, and we requested that 106 money from this development be put into a cycle path so cyclist do not have to use Fairlee Road.

#### **The Parish Chairman's Events.**

As Parish Chairman I have attended several events over the last year including I would like to thank everyone for the kind welcome I have received and my apologies to those organisations whose events I was unable to attend.

I would also like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors and our Parish Clerk for all their hard work and support over the past year.

#### **3. TO RECEIVE A SUMMARY OF THE ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk reported that we brought forward from last year £15,883.78. Our income during the year was £18,100.00 and our expenditure was £19,100.09 leaving us with a balance of £14,883.69

#### **4. OPEN SESSION FOR THE ELECTORATE OF WHIPPINGHAM**

The blocked footpath at Brocks Copse was discussed. It was suggested this could be passed onto the Ramblers Association.

Signed

Date

**Whippingham Parish Council supporting**

