**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 9th May, 2016 in the village hall.**

**Present: Cllrs.** Ken Hayward, Chairman, Paula Knott, Vice Chairman, Nita Wyatt, Paula Clinchant,

Mike Palmer, Jean Adkins, Adrian Jones, the Clerk Janet Gobey.

Also present: District Councillor, Andy Sully, Don Wyatt, Chairman, Village Hall, Phil Bareham, PPLO,

Cindy Thomas, Youth Club and six members of the public. The meeting started at 6.40pm.

**01.05.16 Apologies:** Trevor Battle – on holiday.

**02.05.16 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th May, 2015**

The minutes having been distributed to Councillors and the public present

 at the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**03.05.16 Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman gave a detailed report of the activities and achievements over the

 last year. A printed copy of which is attached to the minutes and available on the

 website.

**04.05.16 Reports from local groups:**

Youth Club

 The Youth Club reported a successful year with many activities taking place.

 The young people have raised funds for equipment and activities, they have also

 been undertaking litter picks around the village. The Youth Club will be extended to

 two nights per week in the autumn. The Parish Council will pay the rent to hire the

 room.

 Village Hall

 Regular bookings have increased and the Brock House project has brought in

 extra funds, Somerset County Council agreed to lay the rest of the car park with

 tarmac. Bingo sessions throughout the year have been very successful. There are

 quite a few maintenance projects pending. Thanks were given to all who have been

 involved with the village hall, committee members or otherwise.

 Playing Field Association

 Both the junior and under 15 teams have had a very good year in terms of football.

 A request was made for a volunteer to start a under 7-8 team. The quality of the

 pitch has been improved and a re-seeding process will be started shortly.

 Dog fouling is still a problem and a plea was made for dog owners to be more

 responsible. Thanks were given to the volunteer groundsmen.

 Brock House Day Nursery

 The nursery has been temporarily located to the recreation ground since last spring

 while Brock House is being re-built. The re-building has started and the nursery is

 hoping to move back in September. The nursery has continued to thrive with 110

 children registered with them and a waiting list of 65. Brock House also works

 closely with 40 Commando supporting military families living in the village, a crèche

 is run at the camp 3 times a week on behalf of the charity “Go Commando”.

 The above is a summary of the reports from local groups, the full report from each

group is available from the Clerk on request.

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**5.05.16 Open discussion on matters affecting the parish of Norton Fitzwarren.**

Only one matter raised, regarding the completion of the relief road.

 The Chairman gave an update, legal issues are holding up completion of the bridge,

 and the relief road will not progress past Station Road unless Ford Farm is

 developed. A report is awaited from the Inspector regarding the possible

 development of Ford Farm.

Jean Adkins undertook to obtain an update from Taunton Deane.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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