**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd May, 2018 in the village hall.**

**Present:** Paula Knott, Chair, Mike Palmer, Adrian Jones, Nita Wyatt, Paula Clinchant, Phil Bareham,

Graham Withnell, Clerk: Janet Gobey and eight members of the public.

The meeting started at 7.02pm.

**1.05.18 Apologies:** Ken Hayward

**2.05.18 Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 8th May, 2017**

The minutes having been distributed to the public and Councillors were approved

 and signed by the Chair, Paula Knott.

**3.05.18 Chairman’s report**

The Chair gave a detailed report of the Parish Council’s achievements over

 the year. With a 50% grant from Taunton Deane, repairs to the bridge at the

 hill fort were carried out. The nature reserve at the playing field has been started.

 Council agreed to join the Speed Indicator Device scheme which will be run by

Somerset County Council. CCTV has been installed at the village hall and recreation

ground to prevent anti-social behaviour.

Grants were awarded to the Church, the NF Playing Field Association, Norton News

and the village hall. The full report is available on the Parish Council’s website:

[www.nortonfitzwarrenparishcouncil.com](http://www.nortonfitzwarrenparishcouncil.com) or from the Clerk.

**4.05.18 Reports from Local Groups**

NF Playing Field Association

 The new mower has allowed the playing fields to be more easily maintained. Four

 football teams have been able to play both at weekends and evenings. Thanks were

 given to Brian James who has retired from the maintenance team.

 Allotments

 The allotment site is nearly full again this year with only three and a half plots

 vacant. Fencing is still an issue as several sections are deteriorating. In spite of the

 bad weather during the winter only one section flooded.

Village Hall

 May 2017 to May 2018 has been a very successful year, the bingo, Burns’ Night and

 Quiz Nights were well supported. The 2017 November 11th Memorial Service was

held at the hall due to the refurbishment at St. John’s Church, Staplegrove.

 Repairs and maintenance are ongoing. The Skittles Coffee Shop has been a

 resounding success and has become a centre for all to meet. Thanks were given to

 Tricia Leonard who manages it and all the volunteers who help out.

 Full reports from the groups are available on the Parish Council website or from the

 Clerk.

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

A request was made for a presentation to explain the role of the flood channels

 in the village, in particular those which run through the old cider site. Council

 agreed an appropriate time would be when the flood alleviation works are agreed

 for Ford Farm.

 No other points raised, the meeting closed at 7.25pm.