**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday 8th May, 2019 in the village hall.**

**Present:** Paula Knott, Chair,Mike Palmer, Vice Chairman, Phil Bareham, Adrian Jones, Graham Withnell,

Clerk: Janet Gobey. Also present Edward Firmin, District Councillor and 7 members of the public.

The meeting started at 7pm.

**1.05.19 Apologies:** Nita Wyatt and Jean Adkins.

**2.05.19 Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 2nd May, 2018.**

The minutes having been distributed to those present were agreed and signed by

 the Chairman.

**3.05.19 Chairman’s Report:**

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

 year and its ambitions for the coming year. The Parish Council with the aid of Taunton

 Deane prevented the development of the playing field in Stembridge Way. Committed

 funds towards the refurbishing of the fingerpost signs on the B3227. Parish

 maintenance is ongoing, and nearly £8,000 in grants were awarded in the parish over

 the last year.

 A contribution has been made to help purchase the hill fort in order that the Parish

 Council becomes a partner in a new venture in combination with the Somerset Heritage

 Centre. The hill fort land will be opened up to the public, maintenance carried out and

 archaeological projects are planned for the future.

 A full report of the Chairman’s report can be obtained from the Clerk or is available on

 our website: [www.nortonfitzwarrenparishcouncil.com](http://www.nortonfitzwarrenparishcouncil.com)

**4.05.19 Reports from local groups**

Village Hall:

The committee reported another very successful year, their regular functions being very well supported. Much maintenance to the hall has been carried out over the year.

 The Skittles Coffee Shop has been a resounding success and celebrated its second year

 at Easter, it has become a centre for all to meet.

 Playing Field:

 The Committee reported a good year, the field being well used for football on Saturdays

with two men’s teams and one under 18 side.

The committee made a request for volunteers to come forward to join the committee

and to help with maintenance.

Allotments:

 The allotment site is nearly full, enquiries have been received from the new and existing

parts of the village, only one and a half plots are vacant. A site inspection will be carried

out this month.

**5.05.19 Open discussion on matters affecting the parish.**

A query raised regarding the weed spraying on pavements. The Parish Council’s

 contractor should be carrying this out in May. The Clerk will chase.

 No other matters were raised. The meeting closed at 7.50pm.