**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held virtually on Wednesday, 5th May, 2021. (Draft)**

**Present:** Paula Knott, Chair, Mike Palmer, Jonathan Lalgee, Nita Wyatt, Jamie Clutson, Phil Bareham

Graham Withnell, Adrian Jones. Clerk: Janet Gobey.

Also present: District Cllr. Ed Firmin, and SCC Cllr. Mike Rigby and one member of the public.

**1.05.21 Apologies** – None

**2.05.21 Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 2nd May, 2019**

The 2019 minutes were approved by those present. The 2020 Annual Parish meeting

 could not take place due to Government lockdown restrictions as a result of the

 Covid-19 pandemic.

**3.05.21 Chairman’s report**

The Chairman reported on a difficult year with residents and the Parish Council having

 to cope with 3 lockdowns due to the pandemic, and face to face meetings

 prohibited. Councillors have however learned to communicate and meet virtually.

 Grants through the year were awarded to the Norton Fitzwarren Covid helpers.

 For personal protective equipment for the village hall and church to assist with re-

 opening.

 Towards the opening of a Benefice Office for the church and the metal gate for the car

 park of the village hall.

 Regular meetings with SWT Council are being held to progress the new playing field.

 The full report from the Chairman can be obtained from the Clerk or viewed on the

 Parish Council’s website [www.nortonfitzwarrenparishcouncil.com](http://www.nortonfitzwarrenparishcouncil.com)

**4.05.21 Reports from local groups**

Village Hall

 Again a very difficult year with the hall and Coffee Shop having to close for much of the

 year. The hall has however just been allowed to re-open and bookings are now coming

 in. The Coffee Shop is as popular with residents as ever and was very busy from the

 first day of opening. Thanks were given to all the volunteers who run the village hall

 and Coffee Shop.

 Playing Field

 The new playing field is progressing as mentioned in the Chairman’s report. The playing

 field has also been closed for much of the season but has now opened.

 Volunteers are needed for the committee and to help with maintenance, a poster will

 be displayed in the Coffee Shop.

 Allotments

 The allotment site is nearly full, having been allowed to remain open during the

 pandemic. Enquiries for plots have been received from all parts of the village,

 especially from the new developments, some tenants have given up their plots so most

 on the waiting list have now received plots.

**5.05.21 Open discussion on matters affecting the Parish for residents.**

Only one member of the public present -no matters arose.

 The meeting closed at 7.25pm.