**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 in the village hall.**

**Present:**  Paula Knott, Chair, Mike Palmer, Adrian Jones, Dee Childs, Graham Withnell,

Phil Bareham. Clerk Janet Gobey.

Also present: SWT Cllr. Ed Firmin and 4 members of the public.

**1.05.22 Apologies:** Cllr**.** Nita Wyatt

**2.05.22 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 5th May, 2021**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**3.05.22 Chair’s Report**

The Chair reported on a busy and difficult year with the Parish Council having to

 organise a survey of the parish in a very short time in order to present a case for the

 parish not to be included in the proposed Taunton Town Council. The result of the

 survey showed 98% of residents were in favour of retaining the Parish Council and not

 being included into the new town council.

 Some of the projects completed this year are:

 Dropped kerbs in Yarlington Close from Community Infrastructure Levy funding.

 New road/street signs have been ordered to replace the broken, rusty and bent signs

 around the village, the remainder of the CIL funding will be used to cover the cost.

 White lining for Church Lane

 New notice board by the Hill Fort

 Replacing ash trees affected by Ash dieback

 Installing a ‘willow arch’ in the nature reserve.

 Grants over the year have been awarded for:

 Village flagpole on the Church Tower

 Rent for 50% of the Benefice Office

 Swing seat in the Conquest Centre

 A teacher for the village hall choir.

 A tea party for the Covid volunteers who provided support to those isolating during

 the pandemic.

 The Norton Newsletter

 The Parish Council also assisted in obtaining £3,900.80 from the Government’s

 ‘Opening up Safely’ grant for ventilator units for the village hall which will cleanse

 the air of bacteria and viruses in every room.

**4.05.22 Reports from local groups**

 **Village Hall – Queens Jubilee celebrations**

The celebrations will be held on Sunday 5th June, musicians, stage, bouncy castle etc.

 have already boon booked, 19 stall holders have agreed to attend which will include

 food, crafts, ice cream etc. The Parish Council have provided funds towards the event.

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 **Playing field**

 Adult and junior teams have managed to complete a season of football after the Covid

 restrictions and thanks were given to the volunteers who maintain the pitch.

 The new field is progressing with a decision on the planning application expected soon,

 work can then start to install the pitch.

 **WSR Steam Rally**

 The steam rally will go ahead this year after a two year break due to Covid, tickets are

 on sale. A free bus will be available to transport those attending from the village and

 hopefully from the park and ride in Silk Mills.

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

Matters raised were:

Maintenance around the village – weed killing will take place this year and the mud

 cleared from the wall in the village.

Speeding in the village – The Speedwatch Team has been checking vehicles along

Great Western Way and Cllr. Mike Rigby has confirmed he will try and get the SID

devices reinstated on the main road.

Defibrilator – the instructions on the door have faded Cllr. Graham Withnell will try

to get the door replaced.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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