West Huntspill Parish Council

Annual Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00 pm on 17th April 2023 at The Balliol Hall, Church Road, West Huntspill.**

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| **i)** | **Members present:** Cllr J Wakefield, Cllr M Saunders, Cllr A Clapp & Cllr R Keen  The Clerk – Mrs Alex Harris | **Action** |
| **ii)** | **Members of public present:** Mr Dave Counsell (Huntspill Cricket Club) & 8 members of the public |  |
| **iii)** | **Somerset Councillors present**: None |  |
| **1.** | **Apologies for absence**: Cllr Alan Higgs, Cllr M Saunders & Cllr J Wilks (Holiday) |  |
| **2** | **Dispensation requests**: None |  |
| **3.** | **Minutes and Clerks Report**  Cllr R Shaw proposed the minutes were a true record of the meeting after minor alterations held on the 11/4/22. Cllr A Clapp seconded this, and the Council **resolved** this was a true record.  Cllr Wakefield and Cllr Clapp approved the Clerks report, and the Council **resolved** this was accepted. |  |
| **4.** | **Matters Arising: None** |  |
| **5.** | **Chairmans Report – Cllr John Wakefield**  Please find attached |  |
| **6.** | **Financial Report**  The Clerk reported to the meeting on the annual income and expenditure over the year. The year ended on budget with no significant issues.  CIL funds were received mostly due to Brue Farm development.  A new separate account had been created for these funds to protect them from normal expenditure.  The Clerk informed the meeting also that the Council had agreed with Ilex Park Trustee committee to dissolve the trust deed and return the Ilex Park management to the Parish Council due to lack of volunteers and funds.  The end of year accounts is currently being audited as per audit regulations for public funds and the website would include full details of the Audit. |  |
| **7.** | **Somerset Councillor report** - None |  |
| **8.** | **Public Comments - None** |  |
| **9.** | **Date of next APM - 8th April 2024** |  |

**Chairmans Report – Cllr John Wakefield**

I think this year will be remembered as “The Year of the Trees”.

After several years of trimming and making good we have now completed a full assessment and completed most of the work to resolve the issues at Ilex and The Memorial rounds. The residents of Ringstone Court I’m sure will be relieved.

Whilst the construction of Brue Farm hasn’t been without its issues, we have established a good working relationship with Barrett’s and Bloor that will stand us in good stead for the future. Our input did directly result in a later starting time and improved landscaping along the A38.

Another long-standing job finally completed is the yellow lines in Church Road. Which should make the junction safer to use. It is noted that the lines at Ringstone remain outstanding.

After many years of stalling and delays the Pavilion is nearing completion. With the opening date due on April 29th. I am aware I made a similar statement on last year’s Chairmans Report but we have finally got there thanks to the assistance of Alan Clapp and the dedication of the members of the Cricket Club.

I believe the Parish Council greatest achievements were the community events held on the common. Three events being held, the Jubilee, Queens Memorial and Carols on the Common. All three were very well attended and were deemed a great success. These events were a joint community effort including the PCC, Horticultural Society, the WI and several individuals. The Parish Council took a Coordinating role to organise the events which, I hope, will continue in the future starting with the Coronation next month.

John Wakefield

Chairman

West Huntspill & Alstone Parish Council