

Annual Parish meeting for

BURGHILL & TILLINGTON

Held on Wednesday 10th May 2017 at 7.00pm in the Simpson Hall

MINUTES

- The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting, held on 11th May 2016, were accepted and signed by chairman of Parish Council, Mark Ellis.
- A report from Chairman of the Parish Council read by Mark Ellis (attached).
- A report from Burghill Charity and CW Preece Trust: Parish Clerk updated that no grant requests had been received or made. It was suggested that both charities are advertised in the Parish magazine, this way parishioners are aware of them and how they can help/ assist people in the Parish. The charities group will look into this and action.
- Issues raised by parishioners:
 - It was noted by a parishioner that the notices boards are becoming very untidy with notices about events from outside the parish being advertised. It was suggested that anyone can tidy them up when they are passing.
 - The notice board at Simpson Hall has broken beyond repair in the latest storms. This will need replacing, it was suggested this was an item for the main Council agenda.
 - The Great Get Together event will be held on Sunday 18th June at 3.00 – 4.30pm in Simpson Hall, this is a national event in memory of the late MP Jo Cox.
 - Notices being erected along grass verges has been noted and stated they can be distracting, Balfour Beatty will be contacted to see the legality of this notices.

Meeting closed at 19.17pm

Chairman's Report for the AGM of Burghill Parish Council 10th May 2017

The last 12 months have again been extremely busy for the parish council with meetings monthly and a number of planning applications to consider as well as the evolving Neighbourhood development plan.

The tireless work done by our steering group and the chair Anthony Vaughan has seen the NDP returned to our consultants for a review of our sites and a consultation is now underway for feedback, once fully agreed we will hopefully have a credible and robust plan, which will be a benefit to our parish in the coming years, the inevitable downside is that we have had some criticism and complaints from a few parishioners but I still think the community is better placed with a development plan than without one.

Pauline Crockett our ward councillor has been a great support to the Parish council and has overseen a number of village initiatives, and I would like to thank her for her efforts.

We are fortunate to have elected 2 new parish councillors namely Simon Hairsnape and Sally Ware, and I am grateful for you giving of your time for the community. Our parish councillors all give their time freely and also represent the community on sub committees and many other local projects, examples are, The Copse Trust, The Simpson Hall, The Commons working group, The footpaths officer, The Emergency co-ordinator, and the Tree warden. We also note the work by Burghill in bloom and the litter pick work done by the community. Can I thank each and everyone of the councillors, and steering group members for their support and commitment. It is with sadness that we lost one of our long- standing councillors, Antoinette Powell who passed away just before Christmas after serving the parish for 40 years, her knowledge, humour and common sense style will be missed by us all.

Our new parish Clerk, Paulette Scholes has settled into her role seamlessly and has been a great support to me and she has streamlined a lot of our processes and has recently had her 6-month appraisal with myself and Lynda Wilcox from HALC who commented on how well Paulette had done in her role.

I have also found the work challenging particularly on my time and I did state my intention to stand down if there is a willing volunteer to take my place, if there isn't a successor then I will carry on in the role for another 12 months but a successor in waiting would be a help.

So in summary, thank you to you all for your time, effort and commitment, Burghill, Tillington and the surrounding area is a wonderful place to live and enjoy and hopefully in a small way we have all made a difference.

With my best wishes,

Mark