



NETHER STOWEY PARISH

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of the Parish electorate. It is not a Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council Chairman calls and Chairs the meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting must be held between March 1st and June 1st (LGA 1972, sch 12, para 14). There is no prescribed format for this meeting and its recommendations are not binding on the Parish Council.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 3 APRIL 2017 AT 7.00pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present:* Residents

John Roberts (Chairman)	
Sue Davison	Andrew Jeanes
Kevin Ferriday	Pat Pardoe
Judith Greig	Colin Penny
Peter Greig	Barbara Rich
Margaret Hogg	Mary Roberts
Janet Jackson	Michelle Thomas

Others

John Edney	Somerset County Council
Michael Caswell	Sedgemoor District Council
Julie Pay	Sedgemoor District Council
Mel Catchpole	Nether Stowey Parish Council

In Attendance: Caro Slaymaker Clerk to the Parish Council

**There may be others who attended but did not sign the attendance sheet*

1. Welcome

John Roberts, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed all attending to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 23 May 2016, were **approved** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman read out the Parish Council's Annual Report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

He encourage those attended to look at the display for the possible development of Cricketer Farm. The application would be considered by the Planning Committee immediately after this meeting and would be attended by representatives of Cricketer Farm and their planning advisors.

He thanked County Cllr John Edney for all his hard work for the Parish over the last 16 years and wished him a happy retirement. There was a round of applause.



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5. District and County Council Reports

Cllr Edney thanked the Chairman for his kind comments. The last few years had not been easy. The County Council have tried to run their affairs without borrowing (and were still paying £30m in interest from loans taken by previous Councils) but the current financial climate made it very difficult to provide the services that were needed. He had been happy to serve the community but felt that the time to retire had now come.

Cllr Caswell said that owing to the forthcoming election he could not say anything that might be construed as being “political” but he did want to say that Nether Stowey Parish Council does work hard on behalf of the residents. There were many constraints but they were doing a good job and it was a delight to come to Nether Stowey.

6. Reports from Other Organisations

Michelle Thomas, Playing Field: the Committee’s written report would be available as part of the Parish Council’s Annual Organisations Report, but to be brief, she wished to thank the seven volunteers who took on so much work to maintain the field, raise funds and apply for grants. They were also now working hard with the Village Hall Committee to join together to create a single organisation and a new facility. She thanked the Parish Council for the grants that they had provided to help with the running costs (£2776) and towards the legal costs for the new charity (£750). Meetings take place on the third Wednesday of every month and everyone was welcome to join them. And they would always welcome extra help!

Sue Davison, Nether Stowey Twinning Association: said that the association was very busy and membership had increased. She had provided a written report for further information.

Written reports that had been received before the meeting were available to anyone who wished to take one. They, and any others received after the meeting, would be included as a separate report and would be available from the Parish Office, by e-mail and on the Parish Council website at www.netherstowey-pc.gov.uk/about/annual-parish-meetings/ These are:

- Friends of Coleridge
- Nether Stowey Women’s Institute
- Urban Saints
- Quantock Players

There was no further business. The Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 7.35 pm.