

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING **HELD ON MONDAY 18 MAY 2015** **AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

PRESENT: Mrs Fisher (Chairman - Westonzoyland Parish Council) Mr Carson (Vice-Chairman) and Mr Alder, Mrs Ballard, Messrs Burge and Evans, Ms Perry and Mr Spurrell

APOLOGY: Mr Griffiths

One Parishioner was in attendance.

The Meeting was Chaired by Mrs Fisher (Chairman of Westonzoyland Parish Council)

01 Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 May 2014 had been circulated, were taken as read and approved as a correct record.

02 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

03 Chairman's Report and Resume 2014/15

Mrs Fisher had prepared a report on the activities of the Council during the preceding year. This was her fifth year in the office of Chairman although because of a family bereavement Cllr Carson, as Vice-Chairman, had assumed the Chair for a number of meetings. Cllr Mrs Fisher thanked all Cllrs for their time and support to the community and appreciation to the Clerk. This was echoed by the Vice-Chairman who also thanked the County Council and District Council Ward Members for their support. He referred to the successes with the establishment of the new play area, the completion of the carnival shed and appreciation for activities in the village hall, notwithstanding continuing financial difficulties.

The year had been dominated by the flooding events of early 2014 and the response, including the provision of new defences in the Gray's Avenue area of Westonzoyland. He also acknowledged the efforts of PCSO Helen Whitehead during her stay in office and additional thanks were given to Mr Ian Moore for continuing his diligent service to the Parish in a variety of ways.

04 Flood Action Plan, Somerset Rivers Authority and Village Defence Works

Members were given a brief update. Thanks were passed on particularly to Mr Robert Wilkins and to Mr John Rudge, villagers who had assisted with the Parish response to the flooding issues and co-operation with the Environment Agency. John Rowlands and Chris Smith had been particularly helpful in communicating with the Parish Council.

05 **Play Area and Skate Park (Phase 2)**

Members acknowledged the efforts to create the new play area and fitness park. “Thank You” cards from the First Westonzoyland Brownies in appreciation of the new facilities were presented (22 cards). Reference was also made to complimentary remarks on Facebook and the like.

Members undertook to investigate the Phase 2 possibilities in terms of grant aid and to access the options.

06 **Other Business and Open Questions**

None were forthcoming.

The Meeting finished at 9.15 pm

Signed;
Chairman