

# **WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** **HELD ON MONDAY 19 MAY 2014 AT 7.30 PM** **AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WESTONZOYLAND**

PRESENT: Mrs Fisher (Chairman - Westonzoyland Parish Council), Mrs Ballard (Vice-Chairman), and Messrs Alder, Burge, Carson, Evans, Griffiths and Lamb County Councillor David Hall (County Council Ward Member) was also present

APOLOGY: All present

Eight parishioners were in attendance and two representatives of the Environment Agency.

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

### **01 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20/05/13 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 2013/14**

Mrs Fisher had prepared a report on the activities of the Council during the preceding year. This was her fourth year in the office of Chairman.

She emphasised that this was a resume and did not cover everything which had been carried out by the Parish Council which was fully reflected in Minutes of the regular meetings. The members of the Parish Council continued to take an interest in all issues effecting the whole community and endeavoured by whatever means possible to keep residents fully informed.

No major projects had been concluded within the year but the Council continued to move forward with major projects and were grateful for a Ward Community Budget Grant of £2,000 towards the Older Children's Play Area and Fitness Equipment. The ward members and County Cllr and the community police were thanked for their continued support. Thanks were also given to former Cllr John Beale, who had now left to live in France. Mrs Fisher finished by thanking Cllrs who had taken place in the Forces March and for their time and support to the community. She mentioned that a village website was in the early stages of construction for the Parish Council. She thanked the Clerk for the efficient manner in which he continued to conduct his role.

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**Environment Agency - Flooding in the Parish and 20 Year Forward Plan**

The Chairman drew attention to the paper produced by Mr John Rudge and Mr Robert Wilkins, assisted by Cllr Burge. This paper was used as a basis for discussion and Messrs Rowlands and Smith representing the Environment Agency responded to a number of the points made. They also commented on the 20 Year Plan which was due for submission and upon which comments had been invited. The Plan dealt with matters at a strategic level but also identified key local issues. The Parish Council concentrated on issues at the local level. The resulting paper and copy email highlighting village concerns and priorities for the 20 Year Plan is attached as an appendix to these Minutes. It was clear that even with Government approval of the Plan, funding would still be a key issue. It was yet to be determined how the proposals would be project managed through the period of the Plan. It was possible there would be a follow up to the meeting of the Parish Council in June when the final Plan should be available. Reference was also made to future funding of similar projects to which the community infrastructure levy would be expected to contribute.

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**Other Business**

- i. **The Drove, unauthorised tipping** - Wessex Plant and Cameras
- ii. **Wessex Pumping Station** - Sewerage identified in rhyme at pumping station site (similar 3 - 4 weeks ago)
- iii. **Signboard on wall**

06

**Ward Member Report - SCC Cllr David Hall**

Cllr Hall gave his update before leaving at the end of the Annual Parish Meeting. In this he referred to the HPC development by EDF, the role-out of super fast broadband, the waste partnership changes with increased hours at Saltlands, budget set aside for highway potholes and response to fly tipping on the road to Middlezoy.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Hall for his regular attendance and support for the Parish Council, including the Health and Wellbeing Ward Grant.

The meeting finished at 8.33 pm.

Signed:  
Chairman