

WESTONZOYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 MAY 2011 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT: Mrs Fisher (Chairman - Westonzoyland Parish Council) and Mr Milbank (Vice Chairman Westonzoyland Parish Council), Messrs Alder, Beale, Burge, Carson and Evans and 11 parishioners.

APOLOGIES: Mr Griffiths

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

01 Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 May 2010 had been circulated, were read and approved as a correct record.

02 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising, other than to advise that Mrs Burgess had resigned from the Parish Council and as Chairman during the year. Mrs Burgess was thanked for her contribution to the work of the parish during her time as Chairman.

03 Chairman's Report and Resume 2010/2011

A report had been prepared on the activities of the Council during the preceding year, during which Mrs Fisher had taken over the Chairmanship from Mrs Burgess. A copy of the report forms an Appendix to these minutes, including the series of items to which Mrs Fisher drew special attention. These included supporting the project for the refurbishment of the Standby Building, following the abandonment of the proposed extension to the Community Centre, and the erection of new fencing at the new cemetery, which had been greeted with approval by all sections of the community. The Parish Council hoped to continue to engage in a meaningful and transparent way with all parishioners in the general interests of the community.

On a sad note Mrs Fisher referred to the passing of Graham Brown a former Chairman of the Parish Council for a number of years.

04 Allotment Provision – Petition and consideration by the Parish Council

All present were informed of the action and discussion by the Parish Council following the submission of the petition from local residents seeking the provision of allotments. All present considered what possible areas of land might be suitable and whether this could be reasonably provided. Various suggestions were put forward from the floor and it was agreed that the land to the rear of the Young Farmers in particular would be pursued. The Clerk also intended to place a brief statement in the Parish Magazine, from which it was hoped a positive approach might result. The meeting was advised that it might be possible to lease land although given the small resources of the parish council freehold acquisition was not likely to be a possibility. It was possible that grant aid might be available for this purpose and sources would be examined.

RESOLVED: To proceed in a positive way in search of a suitable location, initially for up to 20 plots.

05 **Open Question Session**

No questions were raised, although Mr Evans confirmed the Parish Council's intention to transfer Battlefield Pictures to the Church for sale in conjunction with the display recently re-located from the Blake Museum in Bridgwater.

06 **Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked on those present for their contribution to the meeting, especially the Parish Councillors for their hard work throughout the previous years of office. Members asked that their appreciation to the Chairman be recorded.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.

Signed:

Chairman