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MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held at the Popham Hall on Thursday 21st May 2015.

This being the first meeting of the Council after election:

- 6 Councillors signed Acceptance of Office.
- Cllr S. Parkman was elected as Chair and signed Acceptance of Office.
- Cllr King was appointed Vice Chair.
- Council was declared quorate.
- Members were requested to complete Register of Interests and Election Expenses forms and to return them to the Clerk as soon as possible. This is required even if there are no changes to their existing records.

Present: Cllrs: Lorna Hending. Stuart Parkman. Martin King. Elaine Woollacott. Charlie Ritchie. Martin Jones

In Attendance: NOne

Apologies. None

Parishioners Questions. Several parishioners attended and asked questions about traffic and parking issues. Chair suggested that the questions would be best discussed at the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting on the 28th May. Parishioners would be able to speak freely at that meeting

Declarations of Interest. None declared

Minutes of Last Meeting

Council resolved that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as a true record.

51. Crime Report.

51.1. Nothing of significance relevant to the Parish.

52. County and District Councillors Reports.

52.1. Nothing to report.

53. Matters Arising.

53.1. The new notice board for the Village Hall Location still requires erection. Cllrs King and Ritchie agreed to do the work within a few days. Council agreed that it would be a good idea to move the board currently opposite Heathfield. A location close to the new houses would be best.

53.2. Council had met with Highways who had suggested that painting white lines on the road from The Rising Sun to Bashfords would be a

first step. They also agreed to look at the 'SLOW' signs being repainted. Consultation to continue at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 28th May.

53.3. Council had not yet found any suitable businesses to help with emergency work re drains etc. An advert should be placed on notice boards.

53.4. Council appointed a sub-committee to seek options to providing fast broadband in the Parish. This would be a continuation of the work started by Paul Gaunce. The sub-committee Chair will be Cllr Martin Jones with Paul Gaunce and Scott Hearn as Members. (note Paul and Scott are parishioners).

53.5. Council accepted a recommendation to move to a new website. Tim Stanger who has been running and maintaining the village website is hoping to move away soon. The Council's insurance brokers have provided, free of charge, access to a professional network that specialises in providing and supporting Community Websites. The Clerk is working with Paul Gaunce (Popham Hall Committee Chair) to set up the new site.

54. Planning.

54.1. Council noted the decision of the Planning Department re a barn at London Farm.

55. Finances

55.1. The Clerk tabled the annual accounts which Council accepted. The accounts will now be sent for external audit.

55.2. Cheques were paid to

55.2.1. SALC for 2015-2016 subs.

55.2.2. Came & Co Brokers. £315.61 Annual Insurance premium

55.2.3. Village Hall rents. £84.00 up to May 2015.

55.3. The clerk reported that the repayment of the HMRC penalty has now been received into the bank account.

55.4. Council had published a note about the increase in precept that was well received by parishioners.

55.5. The Clerk recommended that Council should consider moving to e-banking. SALC have recommended using Unity Trust Bank that provides a specific e-account for Parish Councils. Council to decide at the next meeting.

56. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

56.1. A meeting is being held by TDBC to explain payments to Parishes from the Community Infrastructure Levy. The meeting will be in Taunton on 2nd July 2015. 2 Councillors to attend.

56.2. The Clerk advised that the Council had registered on the Pension Statutory Opt In programme. Details of the impact of this are not yet clear.

57. Correspondence for Information.

57.1. None noted.

Briefing/Library Documents.

Nothing new listed.

Date of Next Meeting.The next meeting will be held in the Popham Village Hall 16th July 2015 at 1900.