

**Minutes of The Annual Meeting of the Parish of Wylve, Fisherton De La Mere and  
Deptford held on 1 May 2019 at 7pm in the  
Wyvern Hall.**

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**Public Forum**

Mr T Cox thanked the Parish Council for their grant towards the refurbishment of the village clock. The interregnum is now over and Mr Jonathon Plows has been appointed the vicar of the benefice of nine churches. Mr Roger Lydiard has taken over as Church Warden.

There was nothing specific to report about Neighbourhood Watch. Regular reports of petty crime continue to be circulated by the Police HQ at Amesbury.

Mr Cox has called a meeting with Wiltshire Councillor D Henry and the Chairman of the Parish Council M Shuldham to discuss the process of decision making and allocating Wiltshire Council housing in the parish to make sure that the correct procedures are followed so that local entitled applications are not overlooked and to check if the Parish Council should be informed. The Wilts Councillor is unavailable at present so the Clerk will contact Wiltshire Council to obtain guidance.

**Present:** Chairman M Shuldham, Cllr L Cassels, Cllr G Benson, Cllr G Wiltshire, Mr T Cox, Clerk Jenny MacDougall.

**1. Appoint Chair.**

Mr Mark Shuldham, Chairman of the Parish Council chaired the meeting.

**2. Welcome and Apologies.**

The Chmn welcomed Mr T Cox to the meeting and received apologies from Cllr A Clarke and Wiltshire Councillor D Henry.

**3. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2 May 2018** had been approved and signed at the meeting held on 6 July 2018 and copies were available to read.

**4. The Chairman's Annual Report**

Welcome to everyone, and thank you for attending.

We have the same five Councillors as we started with last year and our Clerk continues to soldier on. My thanks to all of them; they all have other businesses to run or other major commitments so their attendance at our meetings is invariably inconvenient and so on behalf of the village, I would like to express appreciation of that and of course all the work that arises and which is required to fulfil our job.

You will hear in the Meeting of the Parish Council which will follow later this evening, the List of allocated Councillor's responsibilities.

#### Business of the year

We continue to attend the Area Board Meetings and the CATG Meetings to represent the interests of the Parish when necessary particularly regarding roads and traffic matters. We also keep in touch with Darren Henry, our Wiltshire Councillor, and he has been helpful over a number of matters.

Planning Applications – none especially controversial

Traffic and littering continue to be regular concerns.

Through discussions with Wiltshire Council, we have managed to achieve the installation of bollards to prevent fly-tipping into the track (off the Bapton Road) which leads into the tunnel under the A303. We hope that this will help.

We are continuing discussions with Wiltshire Council Highways regarding traffic and road markings in the village.

The particular areas of concern are currently:-

1. The junction of Fore St with Dinton Road – large vehicles turning, damage to verges and safety apprehensions
2. The junction of Fore St and Teapot St – road markings
3. The safety of pedestrians between Fore St and the Shop/High St

#### Finances

The balance at the bank remains healthy although lower than last year.

Two particular items of expenditure have affected this:

Repairs to playground equipment of £1164 and we have some more coming up in this year.

A contribution to the Wyvern Hall refurbishment of £1500.

Two other lesser items have contributed to this position; a rise of approx. £200 in the Clerk's annual remuneration and a contribution of £300 towards repair of the church clock. Anticipating these, we had increased the Parish Precept by £500 for the Year to April 2019. Our decision on this last point was reported by me last year and it now shows in the Accounts.

We have currently taken the view that we should use our funds to help support community assets when we are able to do so without dangerously reducing the PC bank balance. That view may of course change in the future.

#### The Fete

The fete was the usual happy occasion despite the sad death of James Buchanan who had done so much for many years to galvanise enthusiasm and to make it a success. The nett proceeds were divided 50% to the Church and 50% to the Wyvern Hall. I understand that Richard Newell was at the helm this last year with support from several others, and that Alice and Andrew Clarke are taking on that role for this year's fete.

#### General Community efforts

I have the impression that Community spirit has revived in the Parish as evidenced by Parties – celebration of Bryan Bouchard's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and a number of other good gatherings which many attended.

The Litter picking Saturday effort, organised once again by Tom Cox, attracted more support than in previous years and especially notably from some younger families, which was great to see. This is a really worthwhile exercise and I hope engenders a certain amount of civic pride in our villages.

The Wyvern Hall - Lucy Cassel's Report will show how much this is used for different activities and groups.

Pub – this seems to be being used increasingly and we wish it well and a more prosperous future.

Finally, we strive to represent the Parish's interests on specific matters, but it is quite obvious that the Parish is a far larger entity than the Parish Council and far more events and effort go into community matters than that provided by the Parish Council.

I would therefore like to record thanks on behalf of the whole Parish for the efforts of all those who run Events, the Wyvern Hall, Clubs, Neighbourhood Watch, litter pickers, and, I am sure a lot of other work (not mentioned here) that help keep the place together and in touch with our neighbours.

What the Parish Council tries to do apart from our regular duties is to facilitate certain elements where it is in our power to do so. We are always open to suggestions and we can consider whether we can help.

That concludes the Chairman's Report for this year".

## **5. Report from Lucy Cassels on behalf of the Wyvern Hall Committee**

This year has seen a huge effort by the Committee to raise both money and enthusiasm for the Village Hall and events held there.

A summer barbecue was fun for both children and parents and the gorgeous June weather helped enormously. The September Quiz was not as well attended as the previous year but was nevertheless an enjoyable evening.

Christmas Carols around the Tree proved to be popular but as this is a party rather than a fundraiser there was no financial profit.

A Race evening set for February was cancelled due to lack of interest and the Spring lunch at the end of April was down in numbers.

It is hard to keep up this enthusiasm when there is a dwindling response from the Village. With most young parents both working during the week and a large percentage of the population showing little interest in the Hall, we wonder in which direction we should be going.

The plans to redecorate are still underway but this will be a big bite out of finances, and without some major fundraising we will find ourselves in a difficult situation.

Since the Parish Council meeting, a date has been set for Tom Cox to meet with Jane Fishwick, Richard Newell, Mike Dixon and me to discuss a Village email and news system. We hope this will promote events and participation to a larger group of Wylde residents who are more likely to rely on technology, rather than reading the Messenger or looking at posters/flyers.

The Wyvern Hall AGM will take place at the Wyvern Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**6. Wylde Fete**

*Division of Fete Proceeds*

50% Church/50% Village Hall proposed by the Chmn and all agreed.

**7. The date of the next Annual Meeting of the Parish: Wednesday 6 May 2020.**

Date:

Chairman: