

# DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN ST ALDHELM'S SCHOOL, DOULTING ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013 AT 7.30PM

**Present** Cllr P Fidge Chairman  
Parish Cllrs: A Crowcombe, T Blaker J Shepherd, R Wilkins  
**In Attendance** Parish Clerk, Cllr G Cawood, Cllr J Parham, Mrs M Newman (Beacon Hill Society),  
Mr B Newman (Volunteer Footpaths Warden), 5 members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None received

**2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10 MAY 2012**

These were agreed.

**3 SPEAKER**

Speaker: Cllr J Parham

### **Street Cleaning**

Cllr Parham outlined the new contract that Mendip District Council has with a company called Landscape Gardens that covers street cleaning. The contract is flexible allowing for the Parish Council to enhance the service if wanted but at an additional cost. The service that is received at the moment is fairly limited with street cleaning every 13 to 14 weeks. The contract is a "36 hour response contract" for reported problems. He confirmed that footpath clearing was the responsibility of County Highways. There was some discussion regarding what came under the 36 hour response and problems with a number of drains getting blocked. The Contract is for 10 years with the option to renew for a further 5 years. As a number of issues that were raised were the responsibility of County Highways Cllr Fidge asked the Clerk to invite County Councillor Ham to the next Parish Council meeting in June.

**4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman thanked all Councillors for their hard work during the year and that it was very much appreciated as the years are getting busier taking up more time. The Chairman thanked the Glebeland Management Committee and the Working Group for what had achieved during the year and the Clerk, Mr Lees and Mr and Mrs Newman for their continued support and Councillor Cawood for her support as a District Councillor and also for her years as a County Councillor. She also thanked Rachel Manship for what she has achieved during her years as a Parish Councillor.

The Chairman also thanked members of the Public for their support and input at meetings which was appreciated.

The year ahead looked to be busy with the expected tranche of planning applications for the Bath and West Showground. There is to be a drop in session on 15 May in Prestleigh regarding the intended planning application for a wind turbine on the Showground which she encouraged Councillors to attend.

### **GLORIA CAWOODS REPORT**

Gloria went through her May report which is attached. Meetings with the Chief Executive Officer of Mendip District Council regarding possible developments on the Bath and West Showground had been repeatedly cancelled. She ensured that Chairman and she were pushing for this vigorously. There was some discussion regarding the possible drug dealing at the entrance of the Quarry. Evidence of cannabis had been found in the Village Hall car park. This had been reported to the Police

**5 MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Cllr Fidge ensured the public that they could bring anything to the attention of the Parish Council for consideration and it would be in the minutes and any actions undertaken as appropriate.

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council and the Clerk for what they had achieved during the year and for what Rachel Manship had done.

Concern was expressed regarding the new sign at School Lane that was causing problems. Cllr Fidge reported that a resident had also been in touch with her as cars had been damaged. The sign was either wrong, in the wrong place or both. She asked the Clerk to put it on next month's agenda.

Concern was expressed regarding the intended work on the path behind the school and the narrow entrance for machinery. Assurance was given that the contractor was aware and any waste would not be dumped on the Glebeland.

*9th May 2013.*