

DOULTING PARISH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st MAY 2015

VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: ST ALDHELMS SCHOOL, DOULTING @ 7.00pm

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| | <i>Present:</i> Paula Fidge (Chair), Ann Crowcombe, Barry Clarke, Sarah Goff, Ros Wilkins, John Shepherd; 12 members of the public were present. The minutes were taken by Alan Butcher (Parish Clerk) | |
| 1 | <i>Chairmans welcome.</i> The chairman welcomed all present to the meeting. | |
| 2 | <i>Apologies for absence.</i> None received. | |
| 3 | <i>Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting:</i> Minutes of the meeting held on 8 th May 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record. | |
| 4 | <i>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting:</i> None. | |
| 5 | <i>Chairmans Report:</i> Cllr Fidge reported that it had been a busy year for the Parish with many issues arising from various planning applications and other matters including traffic and speeding. There had been some health and safety issues at St Aldhelms Wells which were being addressed. She thanked retiring parish councillors and candidates and welcomed new Parish Councillors and the new district councillor. She thanked the clerk for his work during the year. She also thanked Doultong School and The Prestleigh Inn for the use of their premises during the year and the members of the public who had come along to the meeting. | |
| 6 | <i>District and County Council Reports:</i> None received. | |
| 7 | <i>Other reports as received.</i> None received. | |

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| 8 | <p><u>Meeting open to the public and parishioners.</u></p> <p>Mary Newman commented that the leaflets distributed before the election had been useful.</p> <p>It was asked if the website could be expanded to include some form of “forum” on parish matters. It was noted that Cranmore used “e-chat”. A parish email list was suggested. It was noted that Croscombe had a suggestion box, it was suggested that a similar box could be located at the village hall.</p> <p>The question of “fracking” in local areas was raised and it suggested that a watching brief on any developments in this regard should be kept.</p> <p>The question of street lighting and road improvements at Prestleigh was raised particularly with regard to road safety. The continuing problem with road traffic accidents at Long Cross was raised and the lack of signage for vehicles approaching from the Frome direction. There had been many accidents but no apparent action by highways or the police.</p> <p>Support was given to Prestleigh regarding recent planning issues at the Bath and West Showground and it was noted that the matter would be going to the planning board on 17th June; the matter would be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 11th June but it was noted that the process seemed to be being hurried through.</p> | |
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The meeting closed at 7.28pm.

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