

DOULTING PARISH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th MAY 2018

VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL, DOULTING @ 7.15pm

	<i>Present:</i> Cllrs Paula Fidge (Chair), Barry Clarke, Sarah Goff, Ann Crowcombe and John Shepherd and six members of the public. The minutes were taken by Alan Butcher (Clerk)
1	<i>Chairmans welcome.</i> Cllr Fidge welcomed all present to the meeting.
2	<i>Apologies for absence.</i> Cllr Ros Wilkins.
3	<i>Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting:</i> Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2016 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 the Parish Council had had another busy year and thanked both Parish Councillors, the clerk and all members of the public who had attended meetings for their work and support during the year and also those who worked behind the scenes for the community. She also thanked Cllrs David van Dyk and Philip Ham for their input during the year and noted that both Mendip and Somerset Councils are aware of Doultong Parish thanks to all the work put in on behalf of the community.
6	<i>District and County Council Reports:</i> No reports received.
7	<i>Other reports as received.</i> No reports received.

8	<p><u>Meeting open to the public and parishioners.</u></p> <p>Queries were raised by members of the public on matters which included:</p> <p>The Parish Councils responsibilities in respect of the village hall. The chairman confirmed that the council were custodian trustees and had no say in the day to day management of the hall. There is a Parish Council representative on the committee who gives a brief report at meetings.</p> <p>A query about the termination of the phone box contract was raised and the chairman noted that the council had voted, after debate, to terminate the contract. Disappointment was expressed about the loss of the public telephone but it was hoped that the council would adopt the phone box in due course.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the raised safety matting in the play area and also overgrown hedges on Doultling Hill. The lack of local facilities in Shepton Mallet was raised including the hospital and the library where a consultation was taking place.</p> <p>A query about exhibits from Shepton Mallet which were transferred to Taunton but seemed unlikely to return was raised</p>
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