

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Yatesbury Village Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014 commencing at 7.30pm

Present:-

Councillors

D Grafton – Chairman  
D Evans  
B Seed  
M Purslow  
M Wilkins – co-opted at Parish Council AGM

Mrs B Raven – Clerk of the Parish Council  
1 Members of the Public  
Wiltshire Councillor A Hill  
In attendance PCSO Nicole Yates and Keith Steggall from National Trust

#### 2735 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors S Orton and S Tomlinson

#### 2736 Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting dated 15th May 2013 were read out by the Clerk. They were proposed as a correct record by Cllr B Seed and seconded by Cllr D Evans and signed accordingly by the Chairman Cllr D Grafton

#### 2737 Annual Parish Report

Chairman Councillor D Grafton distributed a copy of his yearly report to everyone present – it had also been emailed to all the Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillor D Grafton thanked all the Councillors for their continued support and also thanked the Clerk for all she has done. Special thanks to John Cavanagh for running our Website Cherhill.Org .

#### 2738 Public Participation

Wiltshire Councillor A Hill reported there are problems with Balfour Beatty who are not doing jobs which should have been done. This is a problem across the whole County. The flooding has caused problems so they are continually trying to catch up. Councillor Hill requested that the Clerk inform Tracy Ruse of jobs that need doing. A list of jobs for our villages has been given to Tracy at the meeting Cllr D Evans and the Clerk had with her recently. Clerk to find out exactly what was done on our Community Day.

Mr R Watkins spoke on behalf of the whole village regarding the failure of Balfour Beatty to do the road works at Yatesbury on the 16th May. Wiltshire Council wrote to the Parish Council saying the C139 would be closed to all traffic from 7pm that date ref TTRO 3405. Villagers all made arrangements to make sure they were back home. The fact this was not done has really annoyed many people. The Clerk had contacted Martin Cook of Highways and after speaking to Balfour he was told there had not been a Section 58 put in place (Road Closure Notice). Apparently it will now take months to get this sorted out although Martin is doing his best trying to get this work done as soon as possible

Mr Watkins also brought up the question of potholes in the Village of Yatesbury and can not understand how they can fill some holes and leave others undone when they are just up the road. Clerk to write to Martin Cook regarding this with copy to Tracy Ruse identifying exactly where the potholes are

#### 2739 Presentation by PCSO Nicole Yates

Nicole informed the meeting about local burglaries in the Rural Areas around our Villages, She asked everyone present to report any suspicious vehicles and if possible get the Registration Number. Hare Coursing is a particular problem in Yatesbury. Nicole informed us PC Sonja Stockhill has replaced PC Alan Blake and she is keen to attend a Parish Council Meeting. Nicole is very involved with the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Councillor A Hill reported that through the Area Boards they are purchasing a CCTV motor vehicle and hope to have it operational towards the end of the year.

Cllr D Grafton thanked Nicole for her presentation

#### 2740 update from National Trust - Keith Steggall

Keith had kindly attended our meeting to give us information regarding the Cherhill Monument. Unfortunately it is not a national priority! Keith will arrange to replace the netting. An estimate for the work need is around £350,000. A proper up-dated estimate will be done later this year and upon receipt of this they will start looking for help with funding. Keith will keep in touch with the Parish Council so they will be aware of the position

#### 2741 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Grafton reported that a questionnaire has been delivered to everyone in the Parish to ascertain if Villagers are in favour of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Depending on the results of this we will decide if a NP is going to happen. It will involve a lot of work and will require Volunteers who will be supported by a representative from Wiltshire Council.

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm

This was followed by light refreshments after which the Parish Council AGM will take place