

**Abbots Leigh Annual Parish Meeting
will be held in the Village Hall, Church Road
Thursday 16th May 2019, commencing at 7.30pm**

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Butler, Stewart, Walker, Ward Cllr Davies and J Smart
(Clerk)
14 members of the public

1. Apologies

Jane & Peter Gibbons, Paul Whitehouse, Robert Narracott.

2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting

The previous minutes had been posted on the website and circulated amongst those present. Agreed.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Chairman's Annual Report

Cllr Talbot-Ponsonby read his annual report (attached).

5. Parish Council Reports:-

- a) Ward Councillor Report - Ward Councillor Davies read his annual report. Martin Walker – questioned airport traffic being directed along the A369.
- b) Planning - The Clerk had produced the planning analysis for the year 2018-2019. This had been circulated to those present.
- c) Village Hall - Cllr Butler read his annual report.

- d) Financial - JS reported on the finances for the previous years. Ian McFeat was concerned about VH income/outgoings and Bristol Rugby Club donation for works to speed limits. These items were explained.
- e) Neighbourhood Plan - MS had produced an update on the Neighbourhood Plan, and this had been circulated to those present (attached). Saturday 22nd June 11.30 – 2.30pm – AL Wildlife Group event at the VH. There would also be a consultation evening on Wednesday 3rd July at AL Village Hall. STP thanked MS for his work on the NP.
- f) Abbots Leigh Charities - Steve Livings had produced a report and he read this. STP thanked SL for his report. DD suggested that pupils of 'The Leaf' at St Katherine's School could benefit from the charity.

6. New Parish Council

STP reported on this. There were only four candidates that stood for the PC and were elected unopposed. Now looking for a fifth member, and please contact STP if interested.

7. Climate Change Emergency

DD reported that NSC had declared a Climate Change Emergency. There was a motion from the PC that this is also done in AL. He introduced Caroline Pemberton, who gave a presentation. MS thanked both. MS asked if the members of the meeting would be willing to support. Pip A'Ness was very supportive of the issue, there was a real demand for doing more within the parish. Cat Abel was 100% in support and passed on support from Nicola Stinchcombe. There should be something in any new planning policy that new properties should be built carbon neutral. Put Climate Working Group meeting dates on AL website. The resolution would be put to the PC. MS thanked Caroline Pemberton for attending.

8. Any other business

Mike Crabtree asked if NSC could cut back vegetation on verges at junctions, as visibility was now being restricted. The Clerk would request NSC to cut back.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.