BISHOPS CAUNDLE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

HELD ON TUESDAY, 24TH MAY 2022 AT 7.00P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

<u>Present:</u> A. Jones, D.Blair, A. Tuffin, D. Kennelly, K. Adlem, Cllr. R. Legg, Parish Clerk J. Walsh-Quantick

1. Election of Chairman for Annual Parish Meeting:

D. Kennelly proposed D. Blair, seconded by D. Kennelly.

2. To receive apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from C. Mitchell, S. Meads, D. Gardner (resigned as Parish Councillor)

3. To approve minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th May 2021

Circulated previously, the minutes were approved and signed. Proposed D. Blair, seconded D. Kennelly.

Outstanding Action - None

4. Parish Council Chairman's Report A. Jones

Welcome to the Parish AGM which will, no doubt, hear from reports from other organisations in our community. As with many organisations we have experienced difficulties from Covid regulations, these have delayed some of the proposed works however we have been able to conduct our regular business. It is pleasing that we are beginning to return to normal.

Speeding traffic is still raising concern to many residents. We have spoken with our local PC with a view of more visits to check for traffic movements. After a considerable delay due to non supply and the need to find an alternative provider, a SID is now installed to remind drivers they are entering a speed controlled area which indicated their speed on approach. It is hoped to establish a local speed watch team once training is completed and equipment purchased, it is understood that training was halted through the covid period delaying this.

In an attempt to enhance the village, white gates at the main entry points are to be erected (awaiting quotes) and planters have been obtained to be placed at suitable sites around the village. Comments on siting will be appreciated with other means of enhancement.

We have managed to keep our finances within our budget and maintain balances within guidelines. However the balance currently looks to be excessive due to grants forthcoming for developments within the village. These finds have been earmarked for refurbishment of the play area and acquisition of speed related items.

The play area remains our number one priority following the failure of the inspection a few years ago so far with the purchase of a climbing frame and investigations into other play items.

Unfortunately some of our residents in Church Green we affected by flooding. So far arrangement have been made for 3 pallets of sand bags to be delivered and held in Church Green for use of the whole village. The long term solutions in ensuring proper defences lie with preventing field run off and owners maintaining their section of the ditches behind properties so water can flow into the drainage system. Cllr. Legg continues his work with the council on this issue.

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