

BROMPTON RALPH PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Brompton Ralph Village Hall

on Wednesday 25th May 2023 at 6.30pm

In attendance: Chairman Cllr John Elliott

Members of the Public: 8

Clerk to the Council: P Bainbridge

1. Chairman J Elliott welcomed those present to the meeting.
2. Chairman J Elliott read out the minutes from the meeting held on 25th May 2022 and they were adopted as a true and correct record by those present.
3. Chairman J Elliott thanked members of the public and the Clerk for reporting potholes in the parish and for photographs taken by the public in reporting problems on Parish Quarry Road/Ashland Knapp Lane.

The Chair thanked those who had worked hard to make the event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III such a success, which the Parish Council was pleased to support.

The Chair reported that the Cricket Ground defibrillator had been moved to Pitsford Hill and there was an area for parking. It was estimated that the defibrillator had been moved approximately 200 yards and so was still accessible for the Cricket Club. This work had kindly been undertaken by Steve Eastick.

The Chair reported that a new bench had been installed on the Village Green and thanked the volunteers who helped.

The Chair also informed those present that through the Exmoor Panel, a pilot for the new Local Community Networks (LCN's) which are being established as part of the new Somerset Council, the village has received a new grit bin which will be placed near the village green.

This concluded the Chairman's report.

4. To invite the public to raise any matters of interest and suggestions for future annual meetings.
 - It was reported that there was a pothole on Shurtland Lane and one near the village triangle, the later having already been reported by a member of the public.
 - The new owners of the former post office and stores informed those present of the need to relocate the post box. It was thought that the triangle was a possible location or near the old telephone box. It was thought the removal of the current post box might happen in the autumn, however persons would need to make representations to relocate a new one to the Post Office as this is not automatic. It was thought that this was something the Parish Council could help with.
 - The new owners of the former post office and stores informed the meeting that they planned to remove the sign from the building, particularly as people still stop in the hope of it being a shop. It was thought that the Village Hall Committee would like to have it and a request would be made to the Village Hall Committee to see if this was possible.
 - It was reported that members of the public were often seen parking in the area known as Leigh Cottage loading bay which is private land.
 - A recent break-in at a storage unit between Forches Cross and Cordings Ball was reported.

With no further reports, questions or suggestions for next year's meeting, the meeting was closed by the Chairman, Councillor John Elliott, at 6.59pm.