

# Minutes of the Englishcombe Annual Parish Meeting, held at the Old School, on Thursday 4 April 2019

Present: Cllrs R Law (Chairman), Tim Hancock, Brian Huggett, Matthew Hulm, William Pow, Brian Scurlock, District Cllr David Veale and 5 parishioners. Clerk: Kathryn Manchee

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr King.
2. **Introduction and Welcome by the Chairman.** The Chairman welcomed all those attending
3. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26 April 2018**

The minutes having been previously circulated to all Councillors and being available for inspection and perusal by all members of the Parish, were taken as read.

#### 4. **William Pow on The Farming Year**

William Pow gave a talk on the farming year on his farm at Inglesbatch.

There followed a break for refreshments.

#### 5. **Clerk's Financial Report.**

A copy of the summary receipts and payments for 2018 2019 was circulated at the meeting. The clerk reported on the main variances compared to the previous year.

#### 6. **The Chairman's Report**

The chairman thanked the clerk, John Davies, his fellow parish councillors and D Veale for their work throughout the year.

The issues/work areas that the parish council addressed during the past year were:

Planning matters;

Road litter with the parish council choosing to continue to employ the litter picker despite the loss of BANES funding;

Buses and community transport. The current thinking is that First Bus will continue to run our rural services but other transport methods will be used to feed the routes.

Rural broadband

The Parish Activities were then summarised:

Millstream/Wheelwrights – a new committee has been established and things now happening;

Wheelwrights' Orchard now being looked after;

Wheelwrights' workshop to be cleaned this summer;

Salem Chapel continues to be greatly valued;

St Peter's Church is holding its AGM this Sunday and is looking to make better use of the building;

Life Project is a great asset to the village.

The chairman then thanked Tim Hancock for the Englishcombe Times and please feel free to submit articles.

The parish council is investigating an automated system to tackling speeding.

Matthew Hulm then thanked Robert Law and Brian Huggett for all their hard work.

Brian Huggett then requested that parishioners sign up for parish news by email.

Tim Hancock then advised attendees to retune their TV's this month and in June due to changes at the Mendip transmitter. Tim also asked for contributions to the parish newsletter and the website.

David Veale stated that it had been a pleasure to work with Englishcombe Parish Council.

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