

Minutes of ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

held

Monday 23rd April 2018

Apologies

Apologies had been received from District/Parish Cllr J Roach, Cllrs S Roach and P Allwright

5 Members of the public attended the meeting together with Cllrs J Barrett (Chairman), G Barrett, V Mayland, Klaus, Frances Derbyshire

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 2nd May 2017

Mr Bill Croome proposed the Minutes of the meeting dated 2 May 2017 be accepted as a true record. Cllr G Barret seconded the proposal.

2. Annual Report by Chairman of Parish Council

The Chairman reported it had been a very productive year with the Silverton Night Landing site now in operation. Thanks were expressed to everyone involved in the project and for the generous donations which had enabled it to go ahead. The power needed for the project had been put in the tennis hut which has now been refurbished & painted in green.

The Parish Council had agreed at its April meeting to purchase and install a defibrillator at Ellerhayes.

It was hoped that following changing the hosting of the website to Mid Devon that this will now run without the problems previously incurred.

Four new benches had now been placed in the rec., one in the playpark and three near the football pitch.

Unfortunately, due to lack of volunteers to help with the work, the Jubilee Garden is looking very neglected. Discussions are taking place as to how best to go forward.

The War Memorial is to be repaired and the lettering cleaned ready for the WW1 celebrations on 11th November. The Parish Council will join with the British Legion in organising the 100 years celebration.

The safety inspections of the play equipment are now being carried out by Mid Devon. The Chairman thanked Mr Chris Sleep for recently replacing 150 rivets on the BMX track.

The Parish Council now have their own contractor to cut the Parish Council owned grass in the Parish.

Sufficient volunteers have come forward to run a "Speed Watch" in the village. Volunteers are waiting to be trained by the police.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan had been approved by the Parish Council and this had been sent to Mid Devon for approval before being submitted for examination. Thanks were expressed to the twelve volunteers who have worked on this, especially to Olivia Kennard who has headed this project.

The Parish Council has reviewed and updated the “Parish Emergency Plan” but still need more volunteers from farmers and 4 by 4 owners to offer help if it was needed.

The precept for 2018/19 has been set at £15,000 which is a 44.1% reduction on last year.

Unfortunately, there have been three resignations this year, namely Amanda Lawson, Adam Hill and Olivia Kennard. However, we now have three new councillors, Klaus Faulhaber, Patricia Allwright and Vicki Maylan - there are still vacancies to be filled.

The Chairman informed the meeting that this was to be his last Parish Assembly as Chairman as he is retiring from the Parish Council next month. The Chairman thanked all the councillors who have helped him during my term of office, and also Sheila Woodland, Parish Clerk, for her help and advice.

3. Reports by Local Organisations

Reports were received from the following local organisations:

Silverton Parochial Trust
Silverton Community Hall
Silverton Short Mat Bowls
Silverton Methodist Church
Silverton Local History Society
Silverton WI
Silverton Link Up
St Mary’s Silverton Flower Club
Silverton Bell Ringers
Silverton PCC
Silverton Community Choir
Silverton Evangelical Church

4. Matters brought forward by the Chairman

It was noted that the St George Flag was raised today for St George’s Day

A notice from County Highways had been erected on the cobbled path in New Barn Lane relating to works required to Cherry Trees

The dog bin situate on the Little Rec requires emptying and the Clerk will contact MDDC. It was also noted the litter bins needs emptying by the bus shelter

A query was raised regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and its submission to the Examiner. Mr Croome explained the wheels were moving forward albeit slowly. The Parish Council had approved the plan at it’s April meeting, subject to minor amendments, and it will then be submitted to MDDC who will arrange a consultation before being submitted to Examiner.

Mr Croome proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for all the work he had carried out during his term of office.

Meeting closed 8.23