

MINUTES POUGHILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held in the Village Hall at 7:15pm on Thursday 18th May 2023
(To be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm)

Clerk: D Kingdon. Email: Poughillparishclerk@gmail.com

Attendees: Karen Wellerd (Chair), Polly Colthorpe, Julian Wild, James Clark, Melaine English
Members of the Public: Paul Rossiter

1. Apologies - None

2. Chair's Report – The chair read the following report

There have been a couple of changes on the personnel front again this year. Denise Kingdon joined us as our Parish Clerk in July. Denise is also Parish Clerk in Cheriton Fitzpaine, where she lives. Melanie English joined us as a Councillor in September, following the resignation of Cllr. Paul Mapp. The 'all out' elections for all Parish and District Councils in Devon took place at the beginning of this month. I would like to congratulate Cllr. Polly Colthorpe on her election as District Councillor for the Way Ward and my fellow Parish Councillors for their election uncontested to Poughill Parish Council. Although the rate of inflation is still high, we are happy to report that we have been able to keep the Poughill precept element of your Council Tax for 2023/24 at the same level as it was last year. We would like to thank our residents who give up so much of their free time to help run our local community organisations. The work they do is appreciated by all and goes towards making Poughill such a special place to live in. To assist them with this valuable work we have a small amount of grant funding available this year, which we would encourage them to apply for. Finally, we would like to thank those residents who have attended our council meetings and contacted us with their concerns. We hope we have been of some help. We are looking forward to continuing to represent our residents and doing what we can to improve the well-being of our community over the coming year.

3. Open Session – A discussions was had regarding Rubbish and Recycling collections.