

CHERITON FITZPAINE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting which took place on 21.05.2024

At the Committee Room, Cheriton Fitzpaine Parish Hall

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1. Apologies – Cllr Yeandle

2. Chair's Report

2.1 This year has been one of considerable upheaval and change since the last Parish Meeting, we have a new monarch, first in a life time experience for most of us, we have also had a decision that could impact on Parish and other local democracy in that the devon devolution has been voted through, we will wait and see how that effects powers locally and what is devolved to us, hopefully it will mean we have a bit more of a say in how money is spent, probably through our local council rather than the parish council and at some point before the next Parish Council meeting we are going to have a general election, we look forward to some changes and we look forward to the things we might be able to improve about our influence. I think it is important to say that we as a village need to work for the collective good of the community, we have had a major period of expansion over the last few years, that is unlikely to continue but we need to consolidate and involved the new parishioners and villagers, and make sure we are representing all of the people within our parish, some of those don't even know we exist as a Parish council , certainly they have had very little contact with district and county, we need to make sure they know we are here, know they can come to us and know that we have the ear of our District and County councillor who regularly attend our meetings and raise topics for them, even if we don't necessarily have the decision powers we do have the ear of those who do. Our biggest challenge as a Parish Council is the state of our local highways, with the road at Langford closed and no prospect of any works being done, makes our links to Exeter through the lanes a bit more difficult and the effect that has on village life and connections to local towns is something I would like to raise a voice about, Cllr Dean has done sterling work of raising the state of the roads within the village a bit more attention and I think this is something we need to focus on, on the back of the expansions and more traffic on the roads the more damage the edge of the roads suffer, more damage to parishioners vehicles by what we describe as potholes even if Devon County don't.

3. Open Session - None