

WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY AT 7PM ON MONDAY 21 MAY 2018 IN WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

1. Attendance Register and Apologies

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chairman), Cllr S. Locock, Cllr N. Manston, Cllr D. Bellini, Mr E. Hale (Clerk)

Public: Mrs H Sutton, Mrs J Kinsey, Mrs K Edwards, Mr C Cobb-Smith

Apologies: Cllr C Harper, Cllr E Heron (HCC and NFDC), Mrs C Thompson, Mr E Ambrose, Mrs S Ambrose

2. Annual Report by Chairman

The Chairman thanked his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their work during the past year

During the year, infrastructure issues had affected the village. Many of the roads are in a very poor condition and are not fit for purpose. Only part of the village has broadband and mobile reception is very poor. There is the possibility of improving reception by installing a booster at a high point in the village. The village now has a website at www.whitsbury.com and this has details about village events, Church services and the doctors' surgery

There had been some progress on planning issues during the year. The three houses at The Close are being renovated. Work has started on converting the Chapel in a house. The Cartwheel is being renovated and will continue to operate as a pub under its new ownership. Permission has been granted for the first eco-home in the village at Whitsbury Cross

The village now has a defibrillator, and an app which operates as a neighbourhood watch. Some village events are being planned including the village show on 4th August, and celebrations to mark one hundred years since the end of the First World War

3. Annual Financial Statement by Clerk

The Clerk summarised the accounts for the previous financial year which showed the Parish Council had a decrease in the total amount in the bank accounts of £676.73. This was due to funds being held at the start of the year to pay for the defibrillator, which had now been spent

The overall income of £1,801.27 comprised the precept of £1,800 and interest payments of £1.27

The overall expenditure of £2,478 comprised £168 for insurance, £1,000 for the defibrillator, £300 to the Church, £450 for Clerk duties, £180 for tree cutting, and £380 for smaller payments

Although the total held by the Parish Council had reduced, there was no reason for concern as the Parish Council still had £4,449.26 in the bank on 31st March

4. Review of Minutes of Parish Assembly from 2017

There were no items raised on the previous minutes

The minutes were approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman

5. Items raised by Members of the Public

None

Meeting Closed: 7.25pm

Edward Hale. 25.05.18