

Churchill Parish Council



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th April 2022

Present: Councillors J Bush, J Murray, D Johnson, R Baker, M Simpson, B Wilkinson and J Ronicle
Parish Clerk S Diaz
Communications and Marketing Officer B Walsh
13 members of the public

- 22/APM4A Welcome
The Chairman Councillor Jackie Bush welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.
- 22/APM4B To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
Councillors R Brafield, K Croker, R Jeacocke and J Maycock sent their apologies
- 22/APM4C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th April 2019.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th April 2019.
- 22/APM4D Chairman's Address
Councillor Bush reported that the village had seen significant changes since the last Annual Parish Meeting and how the pandemic had caused isolation for many. She recognised that the parishioners and groups helped each other during the difficult time and reported that we live in a beautiful area for people to walk and socialise during what could have been a lonely time. She wished to thank the Food Bank for their continued efforts to help parishioners and the Churchill and Langford Mutual Aid for all their help with the older groups during the pandemic. She thanked previous and present Councillors for their hard work and commitment to the Council. The Chairman wished to express the importance of welcoming all newcomers to the parish and hoped they would be able to enjoy the celebrations being organised by the Village Fund for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. She thanked the previous Clerks, Responsible Finance Officer and current Clerk for their hard work over during their time with the Council and welcomed Becky Walsh, as the Communications and Marketing Officer for the Council who has recently joined the team.

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- 22/APM4E To receive the financial statement for year ending 31st March 2022.
The Clerk reported that the Council's finances were in a good position. Grants received of £945 from North Somerset for Covid support and the Parish Orderly grant. The Precept has increased from £69022 to £82565 to cover the rising costs due to inflation for services like the grass cutting and dog bin emptying in the parish. This increase for a band D property is £8.79 per year or 17p per week. The Council hold earmarked reserves for various projects and general reserves which are equivalent to 6 months precept.
The Council had not received any Community Infrastructure Levy income this year but plan to use the current funds to add an additional training field for the sports teams use and other developing projects. The Council are excited to announce that James Kennedy the proprietor of Market Kitchen will be opening a café at the Community Hall over the next few months. This will provide a central hub for residents to meet for coffee, fresh wholesome food and in the centre of the village. The Council wished to thank James for supplying the food for the Annual Parish Meeting and to sample the high quality that will be available once the café is opened.
The Clerk is confident that the financial decisions made by the Council has shown good leadership and management.
The Clerk also wished to thank the Parish Orderly Michele Miles for all her hard work maintaining the appearance of the villages. The Clerk wished to express a huge thank you to the Councillors for their continued commitment and time which many are not aware is volunteered. They work endlessly to keep the Parish the lovely village it is.
- 22/APM4F Representatives from those serving the Parish, educational facilities, community groups, the Churches, village and youth organisations and sports clubs. Reports from organisations will be available as a booklet at the meeting. If there is any matter not included in the booklet attendees wish to raise, there will be opportunity to do so and raise questions with Councillors on Parish matters.
Kate Johns from Churchill and Langford Minibus Society advised of the services available for residents including collection of shopping and prescriptions to help attending medical appointments and days out.

Next meeting-Annual Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 7.30pm, Churchill Community Hall.

End of minutes