

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING FOR

ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH

The South Ward Assembly of the Parish Meeting for St Cuthbert (Out) Parish Council at Dinder Village Hall, Dinder on 20TH February 2017 at 7.00pm

In attendance: Cllr E Danson (Chairman), Ms Michele Exton (Parish Clerk), 3 Members of the Public

Apologies: Cllrs M Hayden, J Henderson, M Pullin, G Noels, H Siggs, PC L Bagnoweic

1. Welcome from the Chairman

Cllr Danson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Parish Clerk described the legal requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 to hold an annual Parish meeting and explained that due to the geographical spread of St Cuthbert (Out), a Parish meeting (Ward Assembly) would be held in each Ward.

2. Update and report from local and area organisations in attendance

The Chairman read out the Wells Rural Area Police Report for January 2017. The report highlighted:

- Theft from vehicles where people had gone for a walk and left valuables in their car. The Police believe that at times, criminals are watching people put valuables in their boot and advise to not take valuables out if leaving your vehicle and to be aware of any suspicious person who could be watching your movements before going on a walk.
- To watch for suspicious movement of livestock especially during darkness following recent theft of cattle.
- The biggest Police resource in the area is used attending accidents.
- The dedicated "your area" section on the Police Force website www.avonandsomerset.police.uk where you can enter a postcode and identify your local beat teams and contact individual Officers via email.

3. Update from District and County Councillors

None.

4. Report from the Chairman

Cllr Danson reported to the meeting:

- The Parish Council had given £2,671 in grants this financial year.
- The Council had supported the application to Mendip District Council for Section 106 funding for the Wookey Holes Community Garden.
- The success of the event to celebrate the Queen's Birthday in 2016.
- The Council's plans for involvement in the "Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute & WW1 Beacons of Light" commemoration event planned for 11th November 2018.
- The installation of several dog bins around the Parish.
- Mendip District Council are going to work with Parish Councils to tackle fly posting.

5. Public questions and comments

Matt Gilson gave a local update on Dinder and Dulcote:

- The Dinder and Dulcote residents have fed back their appreciation for the dog bin installations as it is reducing the problem caused by visitors to the villages walking their dogs and not clearing up after them.
- The footpaths between Dinder and Wells are being well used.
- The Dulcote to Wells cycle path is progressing and will hopefully be extended towards the quarry site.
- The current roadworks on the A371 at Dinder are related to the gas connection for the new food processing facility at the old quarry.
- The low attendance at this meeting might be due to the existence of a Dinder Village Forum where residents discuss and try to resolve village issues.