

MERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual General meeting of Merton Parish Council was held in the Clinton Hall on Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 7.30pm.

Apologies were received from Councillor Nancekivell and PCSO Sandra Brown

Present were Councillor Horner (chair) Councillors Down, Collins, Malcolm, Papworth, Brown and Scantlebury, the clerk Mrs Wendy Askew and 8 parishioners.

1. The minutes were signed as a true record having been previously circulated. Proposed by Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Scantlebury and all agreed.

2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Chairman's report; Councillor Horner stated that this year has been a very successful one for us in that we have seen 6 affordable homes finished. They are by all accounts very comfortable and well appointed. I was pleased that they have all been let to people who fulfilled the criteria of local needs. This was done without having to go further afield for applicants. Our proposal to Torrington District Council for development of the village over the next 20 years has been submitted to TDC. This has been informally accepted as a good viable plan. With our help Clinton Devon Estates are ready to submit the first stage, to develop the field behind The Malt Scoop. It is hoped that this application will be put forward in the next few weeks.

Special thanks should be given to our clerk for all her work and help throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Cedric and Wendy Askew, John Luxton, and Mike and Mary Madders for looking after the flower beds around the Village. I hope that John Luxton recovers from his illness in the near future.

I would also like to thank the Clinton Hall Committee for running and maintaining our wonderful village hall, which continues to be a great asset to the village.

4. Financial Report and adoption of accounts;

The clerk presented the accounts to councillors. Explanations were given for items listed. The balance in the current account at 31st March 2014 was £214.73 and the balance in the deposit account was £16372.73 giving a total of £16587.42. Councillor Papworth proposed the accounts be adopted and Councillor Malcolm seconded it and all agreed. The accounts were signed by Councillor Horner. The audit forms were completed and signed.

5. Election of Officers;

Chair; Councillor Brown proposed Councillor Horner as chair this was seconded by Councillor Scantlebury all agreed.

Vice chair; Councillor Collins proposed Councillor Papworth as vice chair this was seconded by Councillor Malcolm all agreed.

Clinton Hall representative Councillor Collins agreed to continue.

Church Yard Fund Committee; Councillors Collins, Down and Papworth were re-elected to represent the Parish Council on this committee.

There was no further business to discuss the AGM closed at 7.45pm.