

WEST QUANTOXHEAD ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – 17th MAY 2023

The Annual Parish Assembly was held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the above date.

PRESENT: Councillor P Mote (Chairman)
Councillors: R Hughes, Mrs S Sherry, Mrs A Cottrell, Mrs P Gibbons, R Philipson,
W Robinson
SCC Councillors Davies
Mrs M Francis (Parish Clerk)
9 Parishioners

The Chairman welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Woods
- 2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th MAY 2022:** The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 3. PRESENTATION BY CHAIRMAN OF SOMERSET COUNCIL**

Mr Best gave a very informative update, which included:

- 1st April 2013 was the date Unitary started and changed to Somerset Council, although BANES and North Somerset remained as they were.
- Duncan Sharkey was the new Chief Executive
- Directors and Heads of Department were all in place
- 300 councillors had been decreased to 110
- Currently meetings were being held in Bridgwater as other venues were not large enough.
- Four planning committees, one in each old district, 13 councillors on each committee.
- LCN's (Local Community Networks) – Parishes to attend and funnel back to main council – 1st meeting to be held in June/July – planning will be excluded from the LCN's
- Anticipated will take up to 2 year to get working properly – please bear with them and give input/feedback.

4. SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr Davies gave a brief outline on recent press releases from SC which are reported at Parish Meetings.

5. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Councillor P Mote:

Report on the previous year included:

Planning Applications: We have had 3 planning applications since the last Parish Assembly.

Business: We have various ongoing matters that the Parish Council are trying to deal with:-

- Village entry sign on A39 Bridgwater side, still outstanding
- Fly tipping on Luckes Lane
- Parish Noticeboard at Staple Cross had been repaired, thanks to Cllr Robinson who had given his time freely. The materials had been funded by the Jubilee reserves
- Continued speeding through the village

The replacement grit bin for Hill Lane had arrived

Cllr William Robinson was co-opted as Councillor in July 2022

A tea party was held on 7th May 2023 to celebrate King Charles III Coronation, Councillors were thanked for organising the event

6. FINANCIAL REPORT: PARISH CLERK: The Clerk gave a verbal report and advised a precept of £4,212.20 had been requested.

7. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS:

VILLAGE HALL – The committee would welcome feedback from villagers and users

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chairman thanked all for attending and for the refreshments being served.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: