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Minutes of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting

21st May 2024 – 7.00pm

Parish Council Chairman Robin Bastable opened the meeting at 7pm.

1.Parish Council Report - Cllr Robin Bastable, Chairman:

The Chairman talked about the changes at Somerset Council and how they could be bankrupt within the year. He spoke about the changes to the waste and recycling collections and how they may end their contract with Somerset Council. The Parish Council made the decision to close the recreation ground as no one (except one family) wished to help maintain the ground, Council have not received any comments regarding the closure so perhaps it will be a permanent decision. It seems at long last the parish will get the footpath from opposite the pub to the Village Hall, after 5 or 6 years, hopefully it will be worth the wait. The Chairman thanked the Jarrett family for all their efforts to keep the recreation area open last year, also the councillors and clerk for attending meetings and the jobs they do around the village to keep things maintained for everyone's benefit.

2. CM Village Hall:

A report was not received.

3. Coffee Morning:

Ceri Izard talked about the volunteers who help run the coffee morning, taking it in turns to host and bake cakes. The event has raised £300 for charity over the year. Penselwood coffee morning participants attended the April morning and enjoyed the event. The coffee morning volunteers have arranged some defibrillator training in June.

4. Rev Rosy Ashley Church Report:

Rev Ashley had another engagement so sent her apologies.

5. Community Police Report:

A report was not received.

6. Open session:

Ceri Izard asked about the future of the recreation area. The Chairman replied that without volunteers to maintain the area it will not be reopened.

Annual Parish meeting closed at 7.20pm

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