

**Minutes of the Minterne Magna Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2017  
at Minterne House, at 8.00pm.**

**Present:** The Hon. Henry Digby, Chairman, Mr. P. Goodfellow, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. C. Howard-Johnston, Mr. S. Tite, Mr. C. Saunders, Mr. G. Stevenson, Mr. A. F. Horsington, District Councillor, Mr. T. Yarker, District Councillor, and the Clerk, Mr. P. Horsington.

One member of the public attended.

**Apologies** were received from PCSO S. Pilcher & Mrs. M. Penfold, County Councillor.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Open Meeting held on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2016, having been circulated and copies being available for the public, were signed as a correct record.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and gave his report of the past year's activities, stating that the Council's time had been taken up with finalising the rehabilitation of the site at The Stables, Keepers Paddock, Middlemarsh, although there are still some outstanding issues including an ongoing planning application.

The Council have now a live Website in place and it is being kept under review, and updated, with minutes etc. being added. The Council is keen to have links with other relevant organisations with the Parish.

There have been a series of planning applications considered and debated, with none being major applications. Looking forward, the Council can expect to be approached by the Local authorities to take on a more active role when the new local government structure has been finalised.

Mr. Digby thanked all his fellow Councillors for their support and commitment, the Clerk for his work during the year, including the setting up of the Website, the District Councillors for their support and in her absence, congratulated Mrs. Penfold on her election as the new County Councillor. Mr. Digby recorded his thanks to Mrs. Haynes the former County Councillor for her support over the past four years.

On behalf of the Council, Mr. Digby expressed his deepest sympathy to Mr. A. F. Horsington, who had just lost his wife, Mrs. Iris Horsington.

There were no report from the other Councillors.

Mr. T. Yarker, District Councillor reported that there is now a Dorset County Partnership considering the Local Reorganisation of Local Government. The West Dorset District Council have started a review of the Local plan 2015/31 and the District Council have set a Balanced budget, which will mean that local services will still continue to be delivered.

The Council recorded thanks to the Police, for their regular attendance at meetings.

Mrs. Smith reported that there are 17 names on the Church electoral roll at Minterne, and the new boiler heating has been greatly appreciated. The roof repairs have been done, but repair stone work to the wall adjacent to the A.352 is needed. It was noted that the Church hold one big fundraising event per year.

Mr. J. Baker stated that he could only access the Council's Website via the Cerne Abbas website portal. Mr. Digby stated that he would get this amended, with Mr. Stevenson stating that the access to the Website is actually working.

As there were no other issues raised, the Chairman, Mr. Digby declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed.

Date.