

**Minutes of the Minterne Magna Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday May 9th 2018  
at Minterne House, at 8.00pm.**

**Present:** The Lord 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.

Four members of the public attended.

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

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Open Meeting held on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2017, having been circulated and copies being available for the public, were signed as a correct record.

The Council remembered the late Lord Digby who passed away on Easter Day, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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. Concerns have been raised concern the use of Bridgewood, next to Manor Farm, Middlemarsh, and it is noted that a planning application has yet to be received. Other planning applications have been considered.

The Council's Website 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.

Looking forward the Council are expecting to be approached by the Local Authorities to take a more active role within the Parish, when the new Government structure has been finalised. The Chairman stated that he has attended a meeting reference this issue, with the discussions being principally to inform smaller Councils on the potential relationship with local Town Councils. Non - Statutory services will have to be safeguarded by the local Councils – maintenance of toilets etc. Fortunately Minterne Magna Parish has none of these.

Lord 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, thanked Mrs. Penfold, County Councillor for her assistance in organising the School bus rota for the children at Middlemarsh.

There were no reports from the other Councillors.

There were no reports from the District Councillors, or County Councillor, except to note that it has been agreed by the Secretary of State that there will be a Unitary Council to serve Dorset. Mrs. Penfold, County Councillor was expected to attend the Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman on behalf of the Council recorded thanks to the Police, for their regular attendance at meetings.

Mrs. Smith reported that the Church at Minterne continues to hold Services.

As there were no other issues raised, the Chairman, Lord Digby declared the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed.

Date.