

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HINTON BLEWETT
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL 2015 AT 7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Mrs E Brimmell (Chairman), Cllrs B Barraclough, D Elliott, A Grant and J Layzell.

The Minutes were taken by Mrs E Merko (Clerk).

Ward Councillor T Warren was also present.

There were five members of the public present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm

1. **Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs C Arnold.
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23rd April 2014**
The minutes were agreed and signed.
3. **Ward Councillor's update**
Cllr Tim Warren extended thanks to Councillors on behalf of himself and parishioners for their hard work over the four year term, extending special thanks to those Councillors who were stepping down. Cllr Warren confirmed that Council Tax had been kept at 0% increase for 2015/16 and that an £8m government grant towards road repairs had been accepted. The Bath Transport Strategy had been adopted laying the plan for the next 20 years and money had been secured to extend this to a strategy for the Chew Valley as well as other areas outside of Bath. BANES Core Strategy had been adopted in July 2014 which, along with the Placemaking Plan, would secure areas of green space and direct future development.
4. **Chairman's and Village Reports**
Reports were read from the Chairman, St Margaret's Church, the WI, the Village Hall and the History Group. (attached)
5. **Public Participation**
Councillors were thanked for their continued hard work for the Parish. There was discussion of footpaths that were blocked, signs prohibiting dogs and a large amount of dog mess. The Parish Council would continue to address these issues in discussion with the Public Rights of Way Officer at BANES.
6. **Annual Accounts of the Parish Council**
The draft accounts for year ending 31st March 2015 were received.
7. **Any Other Business**
It was reported that the telephone box, a listed structure, had been cleaned by BT at the Parish Council's request; that the maintenance contractor had completed the annual preservation maintenance of the noticeboard and the bench at Prospect Stile and that the Playing Field had been cut and strimmed. A beacon would be lit on top of St Margaret's Church for the 70th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May.

The meeting was closed at 7.35pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Dated.....