

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HINTON BLEWETT  
HELD ON TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs E Brimmell (Chairman), Cllrs D Duckett, M Jay and J Layzell.

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

There were no members of the public present.

**The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.40pm**

1. **Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs C Arnold, Cllrs Huffadine and Elliott and from Ward Councillor T Warren.
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015**  
The minutes were agreed and signed.
3. **Public Participation**  
The poor state of the roads in the Parish was discussed alongside the current B&NES consultation events for the Chew Valley Transport Strategy. It was suggested that the best approach would be a site meeting with a Highways Inspector to view the main different issues in person.  
It was noted that the successful litter picking event in March had found less evidence of litter than in previous years.
4. **Chairman's, Ward Councillor's and Village Reports**  
Reports were received from the St Margaret's Church, the WI, the Village Hall and the History Group. The meeting noted in particular how active these groups had been in the past year which was positive for the village. The Chairman reported on the work of the Parish Council over the year and a report from Ward Councillor Warren was read. (Reports attached)
5. **Annual Accounts of the Parish Council**  
The draft accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 were received.
6. **Chew Valley Neighbourhood Plan**  
The Chairman gave a presentation on the pre submission draft Neighbourhood Plan, which was being finalised and would then commence another round of public consultation at the end of the month.  
The plan was started in Autumn 2013 at which time 11 parishes were invited to join and of these 7 signed up. The benefit of a Neighbourhood Plan was the specific focus it gave to the area beyond the policies of B&NES' Local Plan. The four objectives of the plan were presented along with the policies and aspirations which were part of the draft plan. The presentation concluded with a reminder of the reason for a Neighbourhood Plan: for the community to actively plan for its future: preserving the distinctive varied built, natural and historic characteristics that it cared about and steering growth to ensure it continued to have a thriving, vibrant rural community which met the needs of all those who lived and worked in the Plan Area and of which everyone could be proud.
7. **Any Other Business**  
There was no other business.

**The meeting closed at 8.35pm**

Signed..... (Chairman)

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