

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HINTON BLEWETT
HELD ON TUESDAY 25th APRIL 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs Mrs E Brimmell (Chairman) and Mrs C Arnold and Cllrs D Duckett and S Keith.
Ward Councillor T Warren was also present.

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

There were three members of the public present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.35pm

1. Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllrs Elliott, Huffadine and Jay.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th April 2016
The minutes were agreed and signed.

3. Public Participation

The meeting discussed a recent series of break-ins to vans and a stolen motorbike. Those on the Neighbourhood Watch were being updated but it was felt that the wider Parish should be warned to be vigilant.

Improvements to the roads and the drains were noted with thanks. A number of potholes had been identified on Upper Road at West End but had not been filled – this would be chased.

4. Chairman's, Ward Councillor's and Village Reports

Reports were received from the St Margaret's Church, the WI, the Village Hall, the History Group and the Police Beat Team. Subsequent to the meeting a report from the Montessori Kindergarten was found and was published along with the other reports on the [website](#).

The Chairman reported on the work of the Parish Council over the year, thanking Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work.

Ward Councillor Warren thanked the many silent heroes of Parish including those working for the PCC and Parish Councillors. B&NES had faced a difficult year with unprecedented cuts presenting many challenges for the budget. The West of England devolution deal was discussed with a reminder of the Mayoral election on 4th May. The Ward Councillor expressed his wish that the three councils in the WoE agreement would continue to work together as effectively as they had done to date. Thanks were extended to Cllr Warren for the continued help and support that he gave to the Parish. (all other reports available on the [website](#))

5. Annual Accounts of the Parish Council

The draft accounts for year ending 31st March 2017 were noted.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Dated.....