

Draft Minutes of the Spetisbury Annual Parish meeting held on 12th March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Villagers attending: 23

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Hilary Cox (DCC), Community Beat Officer, Neil & Sarah Houghton, Fiona Mackenzie
2. **Chairman's review of the past year:** Councillor Miller thanked all attendees and volunteers who have given their time for village events. The defibrillator is now installed and registered with the Ambulance Service. Training will be arranged for those interested. He also mentioned the Station Project, Twinning Association and The Mead Open Space. We are still looking for volunteers to try and set up a Community Speedwatch. He thanked Ann Taylor for ensuring that new residents receive Welcome Packs and thanked the family of Nevette Hillier for the snowdrops which were planted in the main by the Clerk and his wife. The Parish Council have applied to register the Woodpecker as an Asset of Community Value. He thanked the Parish Councillors and especially Janet Isaac who is standing down this year after 13 years as a councillor. Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council is requested to contact the Clerk.
3. **Report from County Councillor Hilary Cox:** Cllr Cox was unable to attend due to ill health and the Clerk read her final report as she is standing down after 22 years as our County Councillor. The Clerk passed on our thanks to her. The report will be available on the website.
4. **Report from the Village Hall Management Committee:** Martin Kerlogue presented his Chairman's report. There were increased numbers of bookings due to the temporary closure of the Charlton Marshall Village Hall. He thanked Rob Brown for his help as treasurer as he has moved out of the village, Sue Payne as bookings coordinator and welcomed Liz Verando and Lisa Page as secretary and treasurer. Redecoration of the hall continues and new lighting is being installed.
5. **St John the Baptist Church:** Clive Tory thanked Mollie Edwards, Tony Parker and Jane Griffin for holding the fort during the period when we have had no priest. He also thanked Mr & Mrs Moylan for hosting the fireworks and the volunteers who set these off. He announced that a new priest-in-charge has been appointed – Rev Carolyn Cousins will take up her post shortly.
6. **SODS:** Lynne Nicholls gave a summary of the year's performances which included the summer play, harvest supper and the pantomime. They have donated to Mosaic, the charity for bereaved children. Rehearsals are underway for the summer play which will take place on 21st/ 22nd June.
7. **Report from District Councillor Andrew Kerby:** Cllr Kerby gave an update on what is happening with the new Dorset Council which comes into place on 1st April. He will be standing for election as our ward councillor. He also gave some details regarding the community led housing project which has been discussed by the Parish Council. A copy of his report will be available on the website.
8. **Any Other Business:** It was raised that the Planning Application for the land adjacent to the Church is going to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol as the developer has appealed against the refusal of permission. The new village website should be up and running shortly. A discussion was held regarding what use could be made of the community benefit funding from the North farm solar park.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.