**MINUTES OF BERRY POMEROY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**HELD ON 3RD MAY 2018 AT 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Cllr J Mills (Chairman), Cllr D Hooper (Vice-Chairman),

 Cllr N Boughton, Cllr M Hannaford and Cllr G Bennett

APOLOGIES: Cllr S Misselbrook, Cllr M Perring and

District Councillor R Vint.

Also Present: Dist Cllrs J Birch, J Green, and T Pennington.

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING: these were agreed as being an accurate report of the Annual Parish Meeting held in May 2017.

MATTERS ARISING: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Clerk circulated draft accounts for 2017/18 at the meeting and reported that payments for the financial year had totalled £8,160.04 and the bank balances at 31st March 2018 totalled £9,087.50 although a final statement for the investment account was awaited.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

Chairman Cllr Mills reported:

The Parish Council met ten times during the year; nine meetings in the village hall at Berry Pomeroy and one meeting at Lower Weston Hall.

The Parish Council is now up to full strength, we co-opted Mrs Sue Misselbrook as a member of Berry Pomeroy Parish Council for the Bridgetown ward and Mr Graham Bennett for the Berry Pomeroy ward.

Much discussion has taken place with reference to the Great Court development the weather has helped. We can only feel sorry for David and Janet.

It looks as if the telephone kiosk is going to be put to good use if it is possible to purchase a defibrillator.

The double yellow lines look as if they are going to be painted at Bourton Lane and Longcombe after a long wait.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their support over the past year and a big thank you to our clerk who has done a good job keeping us in order.

Also, our thanks to our County Councillors Hawkins and Hodgson, District Councillors Birch, Green, Pennington and Vint.

Finally, our precept for this year is £6000.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT – Cllr. Boughton reported:

The main change with the Hall this year had been the retirement of Mrs Carol Parkhouse in December 2017. We are very grateful for the service Carol gave in looking after and cleaning the Hall and organising Hall bookings.

Local village resident, Mrs Tamzin Hurrell is now the Hall caretaker and is keeping it clean and tidy.

The school continue to use to use the Hall every day during term time from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Other bookings include: dance classes, yoga sessions, fish and chip social evenings, meetings and parties.

The internal walls have been recently repainted. The gent’s toilet has had a new ceiling and been redecorated. The porch way floor has been levelled with concrete and a new mat fitted.

A report from a structural engineer stated the signs subsidence were probably historic although mention was made of possible water erosion. The water pipes were then professionally checked and as a result some sections have had a new inner lining inserted.

A new shed has been constructed for the secure storage of cleaning materials etc.

Fire safety equipment, electrical and boiler checks have been carried out by registered companies.

The Village Hall continues to be well used by the community and is an important asset to the Berry Pomeroy residents.

TREE WARDEN REPORT: There was no tree warden present.

FOOTPATH REPORT: As Cllr Perring was absent there was no report.

There were no questions and at this point the meeting was declared closed.

Signed (Chairman) …………………………………………………………… 9th May 2019