

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 31st May 2018 at Mudford Village Hall at 7 P.M.

Present: Stephen Bartlett (SB), Tony Cavalier (TC) June Lydon (JL) Phil Sargent (PS) Nick Lanigan (NL) Geraldine Mabey (GM) Kay Mackenzie KM. In attendance: Sue Graham- Clerk, Bill Watkins (PCC) Jean Jones (Village Hall) Cath Holloway (Village agent) Clive Snell (Gardening Club)

1.	Apologies. Apologies were received and accepted from Jo Dalton-Leggett and Lawrence Weir.
2.	Declarations of interest. There were no declarations
3.	To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25 May 2017. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting held.
4.	To hear reports from County Councillor. Mike Lewis was not present District Councillor. Tony Capozzoli gave his report. Police. The police reported that regular patrols were taking place especially around play area and Hale Meadow. There had been fewer reports of anti-social behaviour. Parishioners were encouraged to report via 101. There would be changes to areas in September, it was possible that Mudford would come under Yeovil as opposed to Wincanton. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Hall Committee. Jean Jones gave her report.• Village Agent Cath Holloway gave her report• Mudford Players- Jo Dalton Leggett had given apologies – her report was read out by the chairman.• PCC - Bill Watkins read out the PCC report.• Gardening Club – Clive Snell read out this report. Copies of the reports were provided for the records.
5.	Chairman's Report. SB gave his report covering the following: Parish Council Assets: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cemetery – The caretaker Phil Sargent was thanked for his work, this was appreciated. The cemetery was well looked after and maintained• Playing field: started as small pay area, grown over the years, now incorporating a skatepark and play area and representing the. Hub of the village. I previous years it has been used for village events and was still available for this purpose. The PC was looking to develop this with new equipment for all age groups. The ongoing maintenance , checks, inspections, and insurance requirements were outlined and acknowledged• Clerk: The clerk was thanked for her work and advice Other issues for the Parish Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintenance of common areas, grassed area opposite church – trees and associated costs• Youth – recent work to engage with young people, it was hoped to develop a sense of pride for the village• Planning and development• The PC had considered various planning applications. It would always look for opportunities for starter homes and employment, local business was important.• Up Mudford Development was ongoing. PC view is that it is in the wrong place from a flooding and highways point of view together with the impact on the Sparkford Vale landscape.• Hales Meadow applications had again been submitted during the year, these had been refused, and it was pleasing to note that the PC's recommendation had been taken into account.• The PC had various opportunities for future. It had a duty to listen to residents to make improvements. To support suitable development – especially for young people – (starter homes) as well as opportunities for small local employment.• Roads. There was an ongoing speeding problem. The speed sign data provided useful evidence of how many vehicles passed through the village. The PC also would look at how it could support the village hall committee to improve parking opportunities in the village.
6.	Presentation of Parish Council Accounts year ending 31 March 2018. The accounts were presented and questions invited. There were no questions.
7.	NEXT ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING May 2019.