

North Petherton Annual Town Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2016 at Ferrydown House, North Petherton.

Present: Cllr A Bradford (Chairman)

Cllr R Ives, Cllr J Barham, Cllr J Hesketh, Cllr P Spencer, Cllr Mrs H Phillips, Cllr Mrs M Denham, Cllr G Jones, Cllr Mrs L Hyde and Cllr J Taylor.

County Cllr R Brow, District Cllr Mrs A Fraser and Mr R Latham (Clerk)

1. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr W Revans.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held 20th May 2015 were agreed.
3. **Mayor's Report.** The Mayor, Cllr A Bradford, reported that it had been a busy year with some large and complex issues. He referred to the flooding that had taken place and the lasting impact that it had had on local residents and to the problems being faced by residents in the new villages of Wilstock and Stockmoor. He remarked that it would take time to build a new community and thanked local organisations for their hard work in the area. He mentioned the need for new fencing in North Newton and the funds that had been provided for the Village hall and the cricket club. In North Petherton he drew attention to the continuing traffic problems, the new cycle way and the improvements to the Huntworth roundabout. He thanked Cllr Mrs Denham for her work on behalf of the Playing Field's Trust and all councillors and the clerk for their support and help over the previous 12 months.
4. **Allotments** Cllr Barham reported on work that had taken place at the allotments and the challenges that remained to keep the site properly maintained and the plots cultivated and tidy.
5. **Cemetery** Cllr Spencer referred to the outstanding issue of how best to deal with the chapel, which was a listed building.
6. **Other Matters.** Those present expressed their concern about over development with particular reference to Stockmoor and Persimmon Homes. Cllr Mrs Denham referred to problems local residents were having with waterlogged gardens. It was agreed that more should be done to publicise the meeting in the future, possibly using a banner as this had worked for the Party in the Park. Cllr Mrs Fraser referred to the work done at Kingscliffe and Cllr Brown thanked the Council for its work over the last year and reminded the meeting about the need to provide a new scout hut. Cllr Mrs Phillips reminded the meeting of the forthcoming AGM of SaWRA and Cllr Ives spoke about progress on the Wilstock Hub. Cllr Jones said how successful the poly tunnel at Somerset Bridge School was proving

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm