

## Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

**Chairman:** David Godden

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### MINUTES of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 22nd May 2017.

**Present:** As AGM **Apologies:** As AGM **In attendance:** As AGM & 1 member of the community.

- 1. Welcome & apologies:** As AGM
- 2. A review of the year:** The Chairman gave a review of the past year which covered the following - **Solar Fund:** In the past year the Solar Fund account has received an advanced payment of £43,500 plus £8,925.23 for last year's contribution. Applications to the fund have been few and applicants are encouraged to come forward to request funding for Stickland community projects. Cllr Godden thanked the Solar Fund Committee members for their work over the past year. BSR have reduced their solar fund activity recently and this may affect any future payments in to the Stickland Solar Fund. **Sports Club:** WSSCC has been operating for 12 months but recently the number of members has reduced. Cllr Godden thanked Cllr Manners and the WSSCC committee for their continued support. A rental agreement between the 3 parishes & WSSCC is now in place. **River Management:** Cllr Godden thanked Will Bown & Richard Marchant for all their work on the stream over the past year. The River Management & Flood Plan has now been adopted and can be viewed on the WSPC website. Water Voles have been spotted recently in the river. Swallets are still a major problem and with the lowest winter rainfall for 20 years there is a strong possibility that the river will dry up . DC Highways have confirmed to Cllr Gooden that a budget has been allocated for repairing the river bank along Water Lane. **Speed Limits:** Highways have painted 'Slow' lines on the approach to North Street. WSPC have recently been discussing the possibility of setting up a village 'Speed Watch' team but volunteers to run this will be needed. **WSPC:** the PC currently has 2 vacancies for Cllrs. Paul Kennea & Sean Phillips have departed but we have been joined by Phil Harlock & Keith Cowan. The PC would especially like recruit younger members to ensure continuity and fresh ideas for the village. **Community Involvement:** Although PC meetings are not well attended by the community other events are supported well. **Dunbury School:** Has recently received a 'Good' Ofsted report.
- 3. Challenges for the coming year:** The Chairman reported that we are stepping into the unknown with regards to the 2 unitary authority proposals and what it will mean for future council services. Parish Councils will no doubt be asked to supply ' more for less' and they therefore will have a bigger part to play in providing village services. The PC will continue to do its best to represent the village so that it continues to be a good place to live.
- 4. Matters raised by the community:** None
- 5. Closing remarks from the Chairman:** Cllr Godden thanked the Clerk and all the Parish Councillors for their support over the past year.

**End of meeting**