

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014 AT MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs J Anderson (MA), R. Brewer (C), P.Hough (MA), M Pahlsson (B)  
R. Tucker (MA), Mrs A Westcott (C)]

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr H Asbridge (C), Cllr D Gradidge (D), Mrs S Fox (Clerk)

**MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC:** Mr. G. Vanstone

Cllr Westcott took the Chair, declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the AGM held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported on the Parish Council's activity during the year. The Council had held six regular meetings, one AGM and two Parish Meetings over the year. In addition two public meetings had been held to discuss wind turbine applications at Milton Abbot and at Beckwell Farm.

The Post Office services were still being provided in the two villages; the Chillaton service now operating from the Pub. The Chairman reiterated the importance of the public continuing to use the services, especially in the light of the Tax discs being taken away from the Post Office in September.

The Councillors were thanked for all their hard work and support during the year.

Following her report, Cllr Westcott formally stood down so that the elections of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year could take place.

[In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr Westcott took on the role of the Clerk for this meeting.]

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2014/15**

Councillors were asked for nominations for the post of Chairman.

CLLR MRS A WESTCOTT was proposed by CLLR R TUCKER and seconded by Cllr R BREWER.

This was agreed unanimously.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2014/15**

Councillors were asked for nominations for the post of Vice Chairman.

CLLR J ANDERSON was proposed by CLLR MRS A WESTCOTT and seconded by CLLR M PAHLSSON.

This was agreed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AS RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER FOR 2014/15**

CLLR R TUCKER AND CLLR R BREWER proposed that the Clerk be appointed as Responsible Finance Officer for 2014/15.

This was agreed unanimously

It was noted that the Clerk was currently uncertain as to whether or not to continue in post and it was agreed that in the event of her resignation, Cllr H Asbridge would be asked to undertake both roles temporarily.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2013/14**

The Chairman gave a review of the financial position for the year 2013/14. Expenditure had been in line with previous years and no extraordinary expenses were reported. The Accounts had now been brought up to date, following a change of Parish Clerk during the year. It was agreed that a minimum balance of two thousand pounds should be kept in the current account.

It was agreed that the accounts for 2013/14 be approved.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMITTEES.**

It was agreed that the following Planning Committees be appointed:

MILTON ABBOT - Cllr J Anderson, Cllr P Hough, Cllr J Spurr, and Cllr R Tucker.

CHILLATON - Cllr H Asbridge, Cllr R Brewer and Cllr A Westcott.

BRADSTONE AND DUNTERTON Cllr D Gradidge and Cllr M Pahlsson.

#### **SOUTHERN LINK COMMITTEE.**

It was agreed unanimously that Cllr H Asbridge and Cllr R Brewer be our representatives.

#### **MILTON ABBOT HALL COMMITTEE**

It was agreed unanimously that Cllr J Spurr be our representative. He was also asked to convey our thanks for all the hard work the Committee have done over the last year to keep the Hall going.

The Chairman then declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 7.55 pm.