

# CLAVERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

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### Present:

Councillors: Chris Jump, David Batho, Richard Wright, Rodger Sykes, Clive Abbott, Mark Mackintosh  
Clerk: Andrea Griffiths  
Others: Richard Wendorf, Director of the American Museum,  
Julian Blades, Deputy Director of the American Museum  
Members of the Public

### Talk by Richard Wendorf, Director of the American Museum

Chris Jump expressed a warm welcome to Richard Wendorf. He gave an interesting talk about his background career in America and his decision to take on the role at the American Museum four months ago. He is excited about the up and coming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the museum and their plans for March 2011, when they will hold some events to celebrate this. These include "50 Treasures" and they also hope for a themed exhibition in the Gallery showing some of Marilyn Monroe's gowns and much more. In January they are holding a mini exhibition at Christies in London, to improve advertising to tourists in London. The new Education Centre is progressing well and he also hopes this to be open in March 2011. They are planning to move the Folk Art Gallery to the main house and have lots of other events planned for next year, including gala dinners and open house activities. Several questions were put to Richard regarding his plans to raise awareness of the museum and his involvement with local universities to encourage use of the Education Centre. All present thanked Richard for his enjoyable talk.

1. **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 12<sup>TH</sup> May 2009:** Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
2. **Chairman's Report:** Cllr. Jump reported on the year's activities and looked ahead to the coming year, as per the attached report.
3. **Responsible Financial Officers' Report:** The RFO confirmed the Precept remained at £4000 for the year, and the balance at the end of the financial year 2009/10 was £7,321.29. See attached report.
4. **Open Forum**

Questions from the parishioners were:

Q: Can we get another rubbish bin for the A36 lay-by?

A: Cllr. Sykes is writing to B&NES on the matter and Cllr. Wright has also spoken to them, and so hopefully we will see new bins shortly.

Q: Can part funding by the village help progress the A36 speed limit scheme and what can be done to reduce the speed of traffic down Claverton Hill from the University to the A36 junction?

A: Joint funding with the Highways Agency and others would possibly help with the speed limit scheme. This is being pursued by the Transport Committee. Cllr. Jump has raised village concerns about speeding on the hill at the University Liaison Meeting; they have promised to help but need to communicate the message to staff and students more effectively. Cllr. Jump will continue to pursue this. Cllr. Abbott has also raised the matter with B&NES Highways Department but they won't progress anything on this classification of road. It is felt that a quarter of University traffic uses the hill and that staff are a major cause of the problem.

Cllr. Jump gave thanks to:

- Richard Wendorf and Julian Blades for their time and the talk; Bill Howe for the audit and Sam Hopkins as previous Clerk. All gave thanks to Sam and presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a card.
- Christine and Diane for the refreshments, Nick for use of the Church (PCC), Marion for production of the Newsletter and all Cllrs for their help.

**The meeting opened at 7:00pm and closed at 8.15pm.**

Signed.....  
Chairman, Claverton Parish Council

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