CLAVERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2009, AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Present: Chris Jump, Peter Fanner, Andrew Sergeant, David Batho, Richard Wright, Rodger Sykes, Clive Abbot, Sam Hopkins (Clerk)

Also present: Members of the public

Public Session: Prior to the start of the Annual Parish Meeting, a social gathering of around 15 parishioners enjoyed a glass of wine and were introduced to the new Police Beat Officer, Simon Glanfield, who explained his intention of having a pilot scheme of Crime Prevention Workshops involving Claverton and Bathford. Trevor Wilmott, B&NES Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer, also gave a brief introduction to his role and its impact upon communities in the Bath area. Beth Shire, Crime Design Advisor and Crime Reduction Advisor to B&NES, then gave a brief description of her work in crime prevention.

Chris thanked the Officers for their attendance and **it was agreed** that Brenda Eastham, Claverton Neighbourhood Watch Liaison, would communicate with Simon regarding an article for the Newsletter and further information on the Workshops.

1. Acceptance of minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting on 13 May 2008

Actions

• Last year's Annual Parish Meeting minutes were accepted.

2. Chairman's Report

• Chris then reported on last year's activities and looked ahead at this year. A copy of the Chairman's Report is attached.

3. Responsible Financial Officer's Report

- The balance in the account at the end of the financial year was £6,508.26.
- The precept for this year was set at £4,000 as per the minutes of 11/11/08 (page 121).

4. Audit

- Bill Howe, as the Independent Auditor, confirmed that the audit had been completed and the Annual Return to Mazars was signed. A 'notice of appointment for the exercise of electors' rights' would be displayed on the village notice board, indicating the dates and location the Audit would be available for viewing. The inspection period would last 20 days.
- Chris thanked Bill for his work as the Independent Auditor.

5. Comments from Electorate

- Bill Howe thanked the Parish Councillors for their work during the year.
- Chris explained the purpose of a 'Village Plan' and asked if anyone present would like to take this forward. This was discussed and **it was agreed** that a Village Plan was not necessary at this time. A question arose as to how the electorate could raise matters for consideration and it was suggested they contact the Clerk who will put this on the agenda for discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting.

6. Annual Subscriptions

The following subscriptions were approved: Membership of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Membership of Avon Local Councils' Association, Allianz Insurance, Bath Preservation Trust and the Society of Local Council Clerks.