

CLAVERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th April 2011 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Present:

Councillors: David Batho, Chris Jump, Clive Abbott, Mark Mackintosh, Anna Beria
Clerk: Andrea Griffiths
Others: Rob Davis, SARAID
Members of the Public

Apologies for Absence - Richard Wright, Rodger Sykes

Talk by Rob Davis, SARAID (Search & Rescue Assistance in Disasters)

David Batho gave a warm welcome to all present and introduced Rob Davis of SARAID. SARAID was created in 2003 by an ex military man, Stephen Hopkins. Many members have over 15-20 years experience in this field of work, responding to disasters all over the world, including earthquakes, floods, humanitarian response and tsunami, in countries such as Turkey, Pakistan, and Haiti. They also respond to issues in the UK, such as a recent missing person in Wiltshire. As they have no Government funding they are seen as neutral, and raise money through sponsored and other events. Rob showed slides and talked of various disasters that he has attended, including how they set up and co-ordinate rescue if they are 'first in', until the UN can arrive to take over. Teams of circa 15-20 people go to a situation, staying for up to 20 days at times. All members undertake 18 months training and exercise programmes in re-created circumstances matching the stressful situations. A question and answer session followed a very interesting and informative talk, with members of the public interested in how the teams cope in the extremely hot climates; how they manage to have time off work; how they detect lives; how they take dogs on the missions; costs incurred etc. All present thanked Rob for his enjoyable talk.

1. **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 11TH May 2010:** Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
2. **Chairman's Report:** Cllr. Batho thanked everyone for attending. He reported on the year's activities and looked ahead to the coming year, as per the attached report. He thanked all the members of the PC, Andrea Griffiths as Clerk, and Bill Howe for the internal audit. Cllr. Batho highlighted that this was the last meeting of the present council due to the up coming elections, and that Cllr. Jump would not be re-standing for election. Thanks were given by all for Chris' work on the PC and he was presented with a gift. Cllr. Jump expressed his enjoyment of being on the PC and his time as Chairman. He gave thanks for the gift. Cllr. Batho expressed thanks to Rosemary Wells and David Naylor for continuing to attend the meetings and to Marian Mackintosh for all her hard work on the Newsletter.
3. **Responsible Financial Officers' Report:** The RFO informed the meeting that the Precept had been reduced to £3,500 for the coming year, and the balance at the end of the financial year 2010/11 was £8,819.11. See attached report.

4. Open Forum

Anne Hopkins raised the matter of the repairs required to the Ralph Allen Tomb due to wear from metalwork rusting into the stonework. The costs of repair are estimated to be circa £25k, and Bath Preservation Trust has pledged £5k, with another £10k from a private donor. She informed the meeting that they were looking to apply for lottery funding for the balance.

Cllr. Batho thanked Rev. Paul Burden for use of the church, Karen, Anna and Rosanna for the refreshments.

Bill Howe, on behalf of all, gave thanks to Cllr. Batho and Andrea Griffiths.

The meeting opened at 7:00pm and closed at 9.00pm.

Signed.....
Chairman, Claverton Parish Council

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