

CLAVERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2012 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Present:

Councillors: David Batho, Richard Wright, Rodger Sykes, Chris Jensen, Clive Abbott, Mark Mackintosh, Anna Beria
Clerk: Andrea Griffiths
Others: Luke de Vial, Head of Water Resources and Supply, Wessex Water
Bathavon North Ward Cllrs; Gabriel Batt, Martin Veal, Geoff Ward
Members of the Public

Apologies for Absence - None

Talk by Luke de Vial, Wessex Water titled 'The Hydro Geology of Bath Water Supply'

David Batho gave a warm welcome to all present and introduced Luke de Vial of Wessex Water. Luke gave a presentation demonstrating where Claverton's water comes from. He stated that Bath residents use circa 25-35 million litres of water per day with the supply coming from various locations. Much comes from the Hampton Down Reservoir at the University of Bath, which is fed from the springs around Tucking Mill and other areas. Luke informed the audience how they extract the water and the hydrogeological impact of the extractions on areas such as Malmsebury and the Wyle Valley. It was noted that on the whole, they don't extract directly from the River Avon, although they have a permit to extract water from it at Limpley Stoke to feed into the Tucking Mill system. The talk was enjoyed by all present, with many questions put to Luke about the current climate of drought, the extraction processes, and why particular water courses are utilised. All present thanked Luke for his enjoyable talk.

- 1. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 7th April 2011:** 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, who has kindly agreed to continue with the internal audit even though he no longer lives in Claverton. Cllr. Batho expressed thanks for residents support at attending PC and APM meetings and to Marian Mackintosh for all her hard work on the Newsletter. Chris Jump spoke on behalf of the residents in expressing their appreciation of the hard work of the Parish Council and the first class work undertaken. On behalf of the PCC, Nick Decesare thanked the Parish Council for the donation of £750 towards the Ralph Allen Mausoleum repairs project.
- 3. Responsible Financial Officers' Report:** The RFO informed the meeting that the Precept had been reduced to £3,000 for the coming year, and the balance at the end of the financial year 2011/12 was £7,944.35. See attached report.

4. Open Forum

Cllr Gabriel Batt spoke about any litter problems that needed addressing and suggested liaising with Bathford Parish Council who have successfully tackled this issue. Rodger Sykes outlined the village clean-up plans and the arrangements with B&NES which largely resolves any issues.

Martin Veal thanked David Batho and Alison Howell for speaking out at the B&NES Cabinet and call-in meetings on the issue of Broadband, and raised the matter of the A36/A46 link road. Rosemary Wells highlighted the need for broadband in all households. A long discussion took place on the issues of the A36 speed limit, with many residents input. All the Ward Cllrs were very supportive of the A36 problems facing Claverton and offered to assist where they could.

Cllr. Batho thanked Rev. Paul Burden for use of the church and Karen Batho, Vi Jensen and Anna/Rosanna/Francesca Padget for arranging the refreshments.

The meeting opened at 7:00pm and closed at 9.50pm.

Signed.....
Chairman, Claverton Parish Council

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