

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE WVCA HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY 2017**

Present: Cllrs: A Broad (Chairman) R Chandler, M Donovan, M Dury,
M Godwin, N Kirk, P O'Leary, V Perry,
Mr Paul May (Ward Councillor)
Mrs S Dyer (Clerk) Mrs M Watts (Assistant Clerk)

Mr Broad welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2017/01 TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AND RECEIVE THE
CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE**

Mr Dury took the Chair, as agreed by all Councillors at the meeting. He requested nominations for the Chairmanship, Mr Broad was asked if he would be willing to stand again, he indicated that he would, no other nominations were received. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Broad is Chairman for 2017/2018.

Mr Broad signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**2017/02 TO ELECT THE VICE CHAIRMAN AND RECEIVE THE VICE
CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Mr Broad wished to minute his thanks to Mr Griffin for his support as Vice Chairman during the last year, as he was not at the meeting. Nominations for Vice Chairman were requested, Mr Griffin has indicated that he is happy to stand again, no other nominations were received. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Griffin is Vice-Chairman for 2017/2018.

It was agreed that Mr Griffin will sign the Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office, to be witnessed by the Clerk, before the next meeting.

2017/03 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllrs Alyson Lampard, Collette Lewis & Tony Griffin, who were unable to attend due to family commitments. These apologies were accepted by all present at the meeting.

**2017/04 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER
WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7th
NOVEMBER 2012)**

None given.

**2017/05 TO APPOINTMENT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE UNDER
MENTIONED COMMITTEES**

a) Finance

Cllrs: M Dury, M Godwin, A Griffin, N Kirk, P O'Leary, V Perry

b) Playfield/Cemetery/Allotment

Cllrs: A Broad (Chairman), M Godwin, V Perry, P O'Leary, C Lewis

c) Planning/Traffic

Cllrs: A Griffin (Chairman), A Broad, R Chandler, M Donovan, A Lampard,
C Lewis

It was resolved that members on the committees are elected as listed above.

2017/06 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:-

- a) **B&NES Avon Local Councils Association** – The Clerk and Chairman
- b) **Parish Liaison** – The Clerk and Chairman
- c) **Keynsham/Chew Valley Area Forum meetings**
From: M Dury, R Chandler, V Perry

It was agreed that any other meetings will be advertised and a representative agreed at that time.

2017/07 TO DECLARE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS THE CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Clerk explained what the General Power of Competence is; it allows councils to do anything that individuals may do, unless it is forbidden by other legislation. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides for a new GPC for councils in England and is available to parish and town councils which meet conditions of eligibility. To qualify as an 'eligible parish council' a parish council in England must meet conditions prescribed by the Secretary of State in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. This order says that, to be eligible to use the GPC, parish councils must meet the following conditions:

1. The council has resolved at a meeting of the council and each subsequent relevant annual meeting that it meets the conditions in paragraph 2 below.
2. At the time a resolution under paragraph 1 is passed-
 - (a) The number of members of the council that have been declared to be elected whether at ordinary elections or at a by-election, is equal to or greater than two-thirds of the total number of members of the council.
 - (b) The clerk to the parish council holds-
The Certificate in Local Council Administration including CiLCA section 7 module.

It was resolved that Whitchurch Village Council meets the prescribed conditions and is therefore an eligible council.

Meeting closed at 7.50.p.m.