

BISHOPS LYDEARD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held in the Village Hall, Bishops Lydeard on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7pm

In attendance:

Parish Councillors and approximately 14 members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

Draft Minutes

1. Chair's report

CLLr Martin, the Chairman of the Parish Council read his annual report, the report is available on the Parish Council website by clicking here: <https://www.bishopshlydeard.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Bishops-Lydeard-and-Cothelstone-CouncilAnnualReport2023.docx>

2. Comments and questions from members of the public

Comments and questions were raised by members of the public, including:

- A request for an update on Sandhill Park Mansion House.
- Community Speedwatch request for volunteers to take part.
- Queries about how the PC operates including but not limited to the spend of CIL Money and how decisions are taken regarding spend, publication of the Parish Council budget, justification for the 5% rise in precept, transparency of the Parish Council, publication of meeting reports, publication of draft minutes. It was agreed that the member of the public would outline all of the queries in a letter and the Parish Council would respond on each of the points raised.
- The composition of the Quantock View Southside Residents Group, representatives were present at the meeting. The Chair of the Parish Council was asked if it had any queries for the group. Chair confirmed that he would not make any comments due to the ongoing Code of Conduct complaint.
- The Quantock View Parking Proposal and the suggestion of a need for a review.
- Cotford St Luke Spraying Petition in 2021 and the Somerset County Gazette's coverage.
- Spraying of pesticides in the Parish.
- The Casual Vacancy that will be filled by an election on 1st June.
- Confidence in the Chair of the Parish Council. A motion of no confidence in the Chair was proposed and seconded, a vote took place with 11 in favour and 9 against. The motion was carried.

The meeting ended at 7.45pm