

CULMSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd May 2019 in Culmstock Methodist Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs. Miss L Jones (Chairman), E Box, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Zebedee, T Platel, Miss B Davies, Mrs R Balchin and the Clerk. A few representatives were present from Parish organisations together with some members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs: G Bass, M Plastow, District Cllr. G Hughes, District Cllr. S Clist and County Cllr. R Radford.

- 98.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the Annual Parish meeting this year was an opportunity to introduce the new council, and to give information on the future of the Methodist Hall, together with details of the fundraising group recently formed to help with the purchase of Christmas lights. Parishioners are welcome to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to speak with the Parish Council, and it was a pleasure to see so many present.

Councillors and the Clerk were introduced to all present, together with the P3 Co-ordinator and Community First Responder. The P3 Co-ordinator and Community First Responder were thanked for their voluntary work within the Parish.

The Chairman reported on the possibility of the Parish Council either leasing or purchasing the Methodist Hall following the decision made by the Methodist circuit to close the hall for services last month. The Parish Council has been discussing whether or not it would be beneficial to keep the building for the Parish for various activities/functions. Feedback is required and forms will be left at the pub and village stores – feedback may also be submitted by post, email or Facebook.

- 99.** Cllr. Box gave information on the Christmas lights which it is hoped will be purchased in October/November; to be switched on early in December. Fundraising is in hand, and various groups have already donated to the project.
- 100.** The Community First Responder gave a brief talk on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) together with brief details on the Parish defibrillator – people were encouraged to attend training sessions for further information.

Everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting closed at 9pm.