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BRATTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the **Annual Assembly of the BRATTON PARISH MEETING** held at the Jubilee Hall, Bratton, Wiltshire on **Tuesday 8th May 2018** at 7.45 pm.

Present: Cllr Ligo, Cllr Morris, Cllr Goode, Cllr Forsyth, Cllr Ridley, Cllr Whittaker and Cllr Bolt.

In attendance: Nicola Duke (Parish Clerk) and 15 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Callard and Cllr Sims had sent apologies for absence due to holiday, which were accepted.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2017

The minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May were approved for accuracy and adopted (proposed Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr Whitaker).

3. Bratton Parish Council – Report of the Chair of the Parish Council

Cllr Ligo, Chair of the Parish Council 2017-2018, addressed the meeting and a copy of his report is appended to the minutes.

4. Bratton Parish Council – Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2017-2018 had been tabled and was received. It was noted that the report would be available on the website and that the councillors would be using designated parish council email addresses from the end of May 2018.

5. Reports from local organisations and community groups

- Jubilee Hall Committee – Mr Davis provided a report, which is appended to the minutes.
- Bratton Pavilion Management Committee – Mr Lloyd reported that the Pavilion had continued to have a steady level of bookings, playing an important part in village life; especially at Christmas and the village fete. Some repairs and maintenance had been carried out; a window had been repaired, the lockers tidied, the disabled ramp installed and a refurbishment of the kitchen in association with the Baptist Church was being considered. Mr Lloyd reported on the difficulties being experienced with the British Gas electricity

account, informing the meeting that it was planned to install a smart meter the following day. The income for the year stood at £816 and the expenditure at £757.

- Bratton Recreation Ground to include the Annual General Meeting of the Bratton Recreation Ground Committee and the nomination of three volunteer members for the committee – Mr Manson provided a report, which is appended to the minutes. It was proposed by Cllr Forsyth, seconded by Mr Brabner and resolved that Mike Manson, Steve Lloyd and Chris Cloke be re-elected to the Committee for 2018/19.
- Reeves Orchard – Mr Brabner provided a report highlighting that the day to day management of the Orchard had been carried out by Mike Pierce and his volunteers for many years. New equipment had been purchased and the Apple Day 2017 had been a success. There had been a working party day held in January and more interest was being generated. Another working day was planned within the next few weeks. Mr Pierce was due to be interviewed on the radio by Countryfile and Mr Brabner would provide details.
- Tidy Bratton/CPRE – Mr Brabner reported that there had been two working party days held and he thanked the volunteers who helped to maintain the village to such a high standard. He reported that the Tidy Bratton group had been working with the Parish Council and its contractors to undertake additional work in the village. The village had again been entered for the Best Kept Village Competition and judging was expected to take place before the middle of June.

6. Parish Forum

Mr Manson – spoke in respect of Neighbourhood Planning, expressing concerns that some policies appeared to be over ridden by the planning authority.

Mr Brabner – asked how the Neighbourhood Plan for Edington could relate to Bratton, given that it included designation of land for development. The Chair confirmed that the land designated was not significant.

Mr Lloyd –asked for clarification as to how urgent items would be dealt with now that the parish council had reduced its calendar of meetings and the Chair confirmed that a process had been set up to allow for an extraordinary meeting to be called if required.

Sally Greenwood – asked why the grass was not being cut around the small play area at the Pavilion. The Chair confirmed that the Clerk was liaising with the contractor in respect of this.

Mr Ken Davis – reminded those present that the Hilly Run was scheduled for Saturday 12th May, highlighting that he would be grateful for any additional marshalls.

Cllr Nicky Morris – thanked the Chair on behalf of everyone for the hard work, time and dedication he had given to the parish and the Council.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.42 pm.