**TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL**

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.00 pm in Tiverton Village Hall

In attendance Councillor Ash Sharma (in the Chair)

Councillors: R Cheshire, G Ibbotson, L Law, H Lightfoot, R Mould, C Penhorwood, L Randles, S Richardson

7 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received from Ward Councillor, Mike Jones as he is out of the country on business

**2. Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman read his Annual Report for year 2021-2022

A copy will be forwarded to the Clerk.

**3. Open Forum**

The following matters were raised during Open Forum:

* It was reported that the drains along Huxley Lane are blocked again particularly at the end of the village near April Cottage.

**Clerk to report to Highways**.

* There were representations about the condition of the road that runs through the village. There are ruts and potholes along the whole length from the A49 junction to the 30 sign at the far end but the central area is particularly bad.

**Clerk to write to Highways asking when the road is due for resurfacing.**

* There were representations about the state of the grass cutting in the parish which was of a very poor standard. Grass verges had only been half cut, no strimming had taken place around posts etc and grass cuttings were not collected.

On the verge outside Gardenhurst is a concrete block which was the base of a road sign damaged in an accident therefore the grass cannot be cut around it but the long grass obscures it creating a trip hazard. This has been reported to highways previously

**Clerk to write to Highways and Streetscene to ascertain responsibility and when the works would be completed.**

* Jean Toyn from the Village Society outlined the plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee weekend event which is to be held at Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club on Sunday 5th June. She requested a donation of £200 from the Parish Council towards to cost of running the event. This matter to be discussed under finance in the following meeting. She also reported that this years event would be free of charge but funds were now running low and events next year would have to be charged for.

Three further members of the public joined the meeting.

* Three residents from Brassey Green spoke about the danger of the windy bends on Huxley Lane. As local development has taken this road has become much busier. The area is National Speed Limit (60 mph) so vehicles travel very quickly and there have been several accidents in recent years. There are several properties, a large farm and a chapel in close proximity to the bends; access and egress to these properties is becoming difficult and crossing the road is hazardous because of vehicle speed and the near silence of electric vehicles.

There are chevrons on the bend travelling eastwards, however one of these was damaged in an accident and not properly reinstated, but nothing travelling westwards. Previously SLOW was painted on the road but this has worn away.

Residents asked if there could be a reduced speed limit, better signage or sympathetic traffic calming to slow vehicles down.

**Clerk to write to Highways to inform them of residents concerns.**

**4. Date of Annual Parish Meeting 2023**

Provisionally the Annual Parish Meeting 2023 will take place on Tuesday 10th May. This could change dependant on the date of next years local elections.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40 pm.

**Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**