

AVON DASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting held at the Reading Room on Monday 10th June 2002

Present L. Hope-Frost, K. Martin, A. Fraser, Cllr C. Williams & Clerk

In Attendance Bob Butler

Apologies: D. Whittlesea & P. Worrall

Declaration of Interest: None

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of the previous annual meeting held on 14th May 2001 were proposed as correct by K. Martin and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman started by thanking her fellow councillors for their hard work and support. Thanks were also given to the clerk, Cllr Williams and Issy Seccombe.

The highlight of the year had been the completion of the playground with repaired slide, climbing frame, baby swings with thanks being given to Pete Wallis for the totem pole.

Once again the village had won the best kept of the smaller villages and thanks were given to Mick and Mary for their hard work. The fete had again been a great success and the Fete Committee were thanked and also for their generous contribution of £1000 towards the baby swings. Other expenditure during the year had been the installation of night storage heaters in the Reading Room, new kerbing, a new street light opposite the Catholic Church, new litterbins and the restoration of the bench by Pete Wallis. Thanks were given to Kevin Martin for winding the church clock.

The Catholic Church had hosted a festive carol service followed by the usual party in the Reading Room and a warm welcome was extended to Father Anthony. The Reading Room is now host to a monthly coffee morning during the winter and Jenny Worrall was thanked for the organisation of the meetings.

A celebration had been given for Jessie Hall who had reached her 100th birthday, but she sadly passed away later the same year. A tree has been planted in her memory.

Finally, a street party had been organised to celebrate the Queen's golden jubilee and had been a great success with a bonfire and fireworks rounding off the day. Thanks were given to all those who helped with the setting up and organisation on the day.

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Appreciation was given to the two retired councillors Charlie Worrall for his long service to the village and also to Reg Watts.

School Report – A report by John Dixon on the Dasset C of E Primary School was read out.

Financial Report – The bank balances as at the close of business on the 10th June 2002 were current account £648.47 credit and deposit account £1793.14 credit. The precept for 2002/03 had been set at £5000.

It was proposed by A. Fraser that the clerk should be appointed as the proper finance officer and this was agreed.

Charities Report

- 1) Poor Allotment Charity - Ten senior citizens each received £1.30, leaving a bank balance of 59p credit.
- 2) Rev. John James & Rev. Thomas Hinds Charities – Ten senior citizens each received £38.70, leaving a bank balance of £146.71 credit.
- 3) John Freckleton Charity – Three junior scholars each received £7.00 and five senior scholars each received £9.00, leaving a bank balance of £38.71.

Election of Officers – As the election had only recently taken place K. Martin proposed that L. Hope-Frost and D. Whittlesea continue as chairman and deputy. This was agreed.

*Linda Hope-Frost
12th May 2003*