

# SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Open Meeting held at Sutcombe Parish Memorial Hall, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 commencing at 7.30pm.

Members of the Council Present: Councillors Chris Quance Chair, Barry Galbraith-Marten Vice Chair Emma Horn, Clare Furse, John Shepherd, Chris Rose, Disrct Councillor Stephen Harding also present were Mr & Mrs Griffiths, Scilla Edwards and the Clerk Lorraine Buttery

## Local Clubs and Organisations:

1. Alms-house Trust – Report was given by Carole Griffiths
2. Parish Council – Report by the Chair Councillor Chris Quance briefly outlining what the Parish Council had achieved over the year, this included obtaining a new grit bin for St.Andrews close, a Dog Waste Bin for the same area has been requested. We are in advanced stages to securing the Community Playing Field, the roads surrounding the Village have vastly improved, with Road dressings being completed. Obviously there is still a need for more improvement in certain areas. Grants had been given to various organisations in the Village. The Planning application for houses next to the Memorial Hall has been passed but as yet no sign of the development starting.  
Chris informed all that we are still on need of another Councillor.
3. St. Andrews Church – as Rev Richard Freeman retired the report was given by Scilla.
4. St Andrews Church– Report by Scilla Edwards, Scilla reported that after Rev Freemans retirement an interim Assistant Curate Stephen Skinner had helped to maintain regular services. A new Rector has now been appointed Mark James who will start on the 25<sup>th</sup> June. Activities for fund-raising have included Harvest and Christmas lunches, Land's End trial Breakfast and Pancake day coffee morning.
5. Memorial Hall – Short report given by Chris Rose,
6. Badminton – Report given by Emma Horn, The badminton club has met most Mondays with between 4 to 7 people attending. Mixed doubles with those attending taking it in turns to play. The season is drawing to a close but will restart in September.
7. Skittles – Guy Ley, no report as play now in Bradworthy
8. Short Mat Bowls – Christine Cawsey , no report received.
9. Bell Ringing – report was given by Scilla , we have an enthusiastic band of ringers who practise on a Thursday evening. It has been very good to have John back in action. We are regularly joined by ringers from other Churches ringers . We have several new learners who are making excellent progress under John's expert guidance. We ring for special occasions, such as the Coronation, Weddings, Easter ,Christmas and also try to ring at a regular service monthly.
10. Benefice Choir– Report given by Rosie Cawsey, the Choir was inactive for some time due to Covid it has now reformed and back in full swing, The Carol singing raised £160.

The Chair thanked all for attending and stated that all were welcome to stay for the Parish Council Meeting., Tea, Coffee and biscuits were served.