

TYTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Tytherington Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 12th April 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

31 Parishioners attended

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all those present and reminded Parishioners that the Parish Council was always approachable and that if there were any problems to address them to the Parish Council as soon as possible.

1. Apologies for Absence

Tricia Norton, Roger and Suzy Unwin, Robert Jenkins

2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th April 2016 were signed as correct after the Clerk had apologised for leaving the previous Ward Councillor's report on page 7.

3. **Chair's Report**

The Annual Parish Council Meeting took place on 16th April 2016, since then Cllrs Becky Longworth and Cheryl Wrench remained as Chairman and Vice Chair respectively. As a body, all Councillors have given their time freely to serve the interests of the community and none have claimed anything against any of the possible allowable expenses.

Unfortunately, we are once again a body of four and we thank ex-councillor Louise Hewetson for her service as she had to stand down last month due to work commitments. We shall be looking to co-opt a parishioner onto the Council at our next Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Clerk Gill Brooks has continued to provide excellent service to the Council and has been instrumental in helping the Council through the various processes, procedures and regulations that we adhere by.

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act

In the context of Clean Neighbourhoods, the Village "Spring Clean Day" is set for Saturday 22nd April 2017. We look forward to seeing you at the Jubilee Field at 10.00 am when gloves, pickers and bags will be issued. The Spring Clean covers some of the main areas in Tytherington and we look forward to seeing as many parishioners as possible.

The Friends of Tytherington (formerly known as the Countryside Group)

One of our first actions as a Parish Council was confirming the local green spaces and getting SGC to recognise the parish lands and have them protected from potential

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development opportunities. This is an ongoing task and we have responded to the Joint Spatial Strategy requesting alignment with the SGC agreed local green spaces.

The Countryside Group met three times during the year and continues to oversee the management of common land areas within the Parish boundaries. The input of the voluntary wardens is gratefully acknowledged. An annual grass cutting program took place in line with Management Plans partly paid for and partly donated by the Conservation Volunteers.

We investigated the ongoing maintenance of these lands fall as these now fall entirely under Parish Council auspice and the continued work of our volunteers. We renamed the group The Friends of Tytherington to attract more support both from the grant awarding bodies and more importantly from parishioners. On further investigation, and on advice from SGC, it was confirmed that access to additional grants would not be applicable, and to maintain the current position of the PC applying for any grants rather than a separate FoT body.

In May 2016, we met with the South Glos Officer who was going to deliver the Toolkit talk on the bush cutter mower purchased by the previous Council. Unfortunately, the South Glos Officer declared that the mower was not suitable for the purpose it was purchased for. As a result, the mower was subsequently sold to Thornbury Town Council for £1,600 and we are in the process of returning the grant money. The money is currently ring fenced in our accounts and we are waiting confirmation from SGC on next steps.

We have investigated placing lighting on the top of the 49 steps but were advised that a solar light would not be sufficient to light the steps. We are currently awaiting a response from SGC whether they could fit a light at the top of the steps and connect it to the light at the bottom of the steps.

Bulb planting was undertaken in the village and many thanks to Sue Trowell and her band of volunteers who spent a Saturday in November planting over 200 daffodil bulbs which have looked lovely in the verges this Spring.

Thanks again to the voluntary wardens for their ongoing work, and the additional volunteers who have helped with activities such as clearance around the Lime Kilns on Tytherington Hill. Thanks to all who have attended machinery use training courses and completed risk assessments to ensure we remain compliant with our insurance and liability. We are currently in the process of applying for quotes to complete maintenance work on the Tytherington Hill Lime Kilns and hope to complete this work during the summer months.

Jubilee Field

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We submitted a request to Hansons to look at removing some of the lower limbs and topping the trees in the former hedgerow as they were impacting on both play equipment and the tentage for May Day. Unfortunately, this request was not validated by their surveyor - although they did remove some foliage from near the gateway. We will look to repeat the request, should it be required.

Cllr Seve has led the work to provide options on the possible new equipment and resources on the Jubilee Field. A follow up consultation is being undertaken on May Day and we would urge all parishioners young and old (especially the young) to take part. In addition, Cllr Seve has worked tirelessly to secure funding from a variety of external organisations to assist with funding the costs and this money is ring fenced in the PC accounts. To date we have received grants from Hansons, Merlin and Magnox.

In addition, we also took receipt of a £10,000 loan from the Hardwicke Trustees that was reviewed, authorised and approved by the Charity Commission.

Traffic Matters

Colin Winkworth is the new Speedwatch Co-ordinator and along with his team of volunteers has undergone all training. Speedwatch sessions are now underway and Colin has put in place a plan to reduce the percentage of speeders in the village by frequent and varied monitoring positions. Please read Colin's very informative report on our website.

All work on the improved crossing at Stowell Hill Road is now complete.

We have continued to investigate with SGC the installation of signage in West Street following complaints of speeding, but little progress has been made to date.

We would also like to thank Mr Matthews for his continuing work in assisting the PC with resolving the never ending 'Pot Hole' saga. Ernie has been instrumental in identifying works required and ensuring that when the Council teams do turn up they address the problem correctly and effectively.

M5 Noise Reduction

There is nothing to report in this area, but the PC will continue to contact the relevant bodies.

Village Post Office

The Council agreed to rollover the funding from the Village precept for 2016/17.

Village Hall

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The PC would like to thank the continued work of the Village Hall Committee in maintaining and running this wonderful village asset for the benefit of us all.

West Street Garages

Following many years of discussion and negotiation the PC broke the lease for the West Street Garages as documented in the November 2016 PC minutes. Users of the garages, also known as the Village Store, were consulted to varying degrees. The PC took the decision to break the lease for the garages in order to support the landowner, on which the garages were sited, as a reflection of the current lease requiring a legal update, and as a reflection that agreement by both parties had proved unachievable in the previous eight years. Alternative storage facilities have been identified on parish land, however following a recent meeting with the Village Hall committee these will be treated as a temporary measure pending PC discussions at our next Council meeting.

The Swan

The PC were happy to approve and support the submitted plans by Heineken for the external and internal refurbishment of The Swan and have taken this as an encouraging sign of future intentions

However, the PC is fully aware of concerns over the long-term future of the Village Pub and continue to monitor the situation.

Telephone Box

BT advised that there had been insufficient use of the telephone box as only 13 calls had been made over a twelve-month period. As a result, the telephone box has been de-commissioned from active service.

Tytherington Roots have kindly agreed to adopt the telephone box on behalf of the village and will undertake refurbishment work. At our last PC meeting the council agreed to fund the refurbishment work and support the efforts of Tytherington Roots.

Tytherington Quarry

No further communications have been received about possible moves to develop plans for an inert waste disposal operation on the North face.

The council continues to monitor the situation and our Clerk is in frequent contact with the owners following the reinstatement of works.

Housing

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There has been no further correspondence on the proposed redevelopment of Merlin Housing, however the PC did follow up with Merlin concerns raised by parishioners around the four properties in Merlin's redevelopment programme.

Merlin have confirmed that currently they are working on other sites and have no immediate plans to start in the area. Once they are prepared to move into Tytherington, they will be in touch to consult residents. In November 2016, a newsletter update was sent by Merlin to its residents, stating that Merlin give residents up to 18 months' notice prior to any consultations taking place.

Planning

The next SGC Policy Sites and Places Plan in support of their Core Strategy will commence consultation in 2017. The PC are fully aware of the pressures upon housing stock and the need for appropriate development sites, however we are also mindful of the short and long term impacts on the Parish of any decision made regarding boundary lines and development opportunities.

Last year we received a very informative talk on Neighbourhood Plans, and although grants are available, the PC concluded at the time that the cost and work required was not something that could be supported given current constraints. Following publication of the proposed developments by the Resolve Group & Cotswold Homes, our clerk has contacted SGC to register the PC interest in neighbourhood planning. This will be discussed at our next PC meeting and we would urge all parishioners to take part in the discussions.

With regards to the Barmersland Farm rights of way issue we instructed legal proceeding to protect the rights of way and ensure that the development did not assume access across PC land. This has proven successful and we are waiting on communications from the developer's surveyor which will be shared with Parishioners prior to any decision being taken.

We have also discussed the 106 contributions from the Lime Works Development and, although aware that there is no money to draw down, at the moment, should money be available the priorities would be

- Refurbishment of Itchington Pound
- Possible upgrade of the village pond
- Enhance the Common Alm – although it is thought that SGC will replace the gate
- Playground equipment
- Green Space Management Plans renewals
- Bench on Itchington Common
- Maintenance of Wooden Benches

Proposed Developments – Resolve Groups and Cotswold Homes

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The council looks to support all the residents in all aspects of the planning application process. The Parish Council will make every effort to ensure the views of the residents are made known to SGC in a cohesive and structured way. We also share concerns that the current infrastructure locally and surrounding is inadequate.

We also share via our PC website and social media any documentation we receive, plus we welcome queries via all the usual channels. With respect to the two proposed developments (Resolve Groups and Cotswold Homes) we are fully aware that any decisions will have a significant impact on the immediate and long term future of the village and surrounding areas.

We have released the £100 ring fenced monies remaining from the previous action group, to the Tytherington Action Group (TAG) and are liaising with the group to ensure all parties remain informed. We have also have requested that on submittal both planning applications are called by our Ward Councillor. This will result in an opportunity for residents to directly present their views to the SGC planning committee during a site visit.

Solar Farm

The Solar Farm work has completed and following communications the Community Benefit agreement has been received. Last year we advised that we were putting in place a Grant Making Policy open to all parishioners with details on our PC website.

Grants Awarded

The PC agreed the following grants:

- St James' Church boundary wall - £4, 500 over the next 3 years at a release of £1,500 per year. It was agreed that the PCC would still apply for funding from other sources, but the PC would underwrite the cost if they were not successful.
- Tytherington Pre-school - £750 towards the cost of iPad and software to meet OFSTED requirements
- Tytherington Village Shop - £1,500 to provide support to meet an ongoing costs shortfall
- Tytherington Pre-School - £600 towards costs of opening Messy Monday
- Tytherington Christmas Tree - £65
- Tytherington Baptist Church - £1800 to cover the cost of replacing the windows in the schoolroom
- M&M Committee - agreed in principle to fund the purchase of a gazebo once quotes received.

SGC Services

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As part of cost saving exercises SGC continue to require Councils to pay for, or find alternative sources, for services previously provided through the Council Tax. The approach of residents along Stowell Hill Road regular cutting the grass verges continues to work well and thanks are due to those who have taken over the cutting.

This year SGC were better at keeping verges cut where road safety was an issue and the PC is pleased to report that no complaints were received.

The Council has been involved in several consultations as part of SGC's continuing cost saving exercises such as changes to the waste policy and bin sizes and options following the closure of library services. All of these consultations are opened up to residents and the PC would urge parishioners to voice their views.

Policing

The council is aware that the rural policing policy for Avon and Somerset Constabulary remains under review. Last year we advised that an initial proposal was for local councils to pay much of costs for this service. To date this proposal has not materialised, however we continue to monitor the situation very closely and will keep the Parish informed of any developments.

Wessex Water

The PC continues to engage with Wessex Water to review the sewage and water provision in the Village. Residents are reminded that with regards to water provision to directly contact Wessex Water and to also alert the Council to any ongoing issues or request support for escalation.

In January, this year, we received communications from Wessex Water advising that a phased approach had been recommended in respect of the flooding along Duck Street. Phase 1 involved extensive sealing throughout the catchment, including up to 800m in Tytherington. Phase 2 involved capacity improvements within the foul sewer network. The clerk was asked to write asking for a confirmed plan of work. Full details of the proposals are available via the Clerk.

Broadband

The PC broadband survey was issued to each household and the response rate was extremely good. Many thanks to all who took part. The PC would also like to thank Roger Bellis who collated all the responses and provided a comprehensive report that we subsequently submitted to SGC, Luke Hall MP and the Gazette.

Over 75% of all respondents were unhappy with their current broadband speeds and that it was impacting on parishioner's lives, those of their children who could not access the internet to do their homework and parishioners whose employers wished

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them to work from home. The subsequent broadband publicity was successful and a photograph outside the Village Shop was featured in The Gazette accompanied by an article written by the local reporter about how bad reception was in Tytherington and Itchington.

However, despite our continued efforts we have still not received any confirmation that Tytherington and Itchington are in the next phase of SGC broadband rollout. At our last PC meeting we requested our ward councillor also investigate the matter quoting the release of information under the Data Protection Act and look forward to an update at our next meeting.

Financial Matters

The Council has continued to manage public funds in an effective and timely manner, thus ensuring that the Parish Council has remained in a healthy financial position for the year 2016/17. Most of the Parish precept was allocated to maintaining our green spaces and the budget set for 2017/2018 follows a similar pattern.

We have put in place an internal quarterly review of our finances and have received positive feedback from NALCA and the external auditor on our processes. In addition to the thanks extended to the Parish Clerk and Cllr Seve for the above we also note with thanks the work of Diane Creevy as the Internal Auditor.

Parish Council Matters

Residents are reminded that the Parish Council may be contacted via the website www.tytheringtonpc.org.uk; at the Parish email address - tytheringtonpc@uwclub.net; by post to 8 Solent Way, Thornbury, BS49 4BT; by telephone to 01454 416637 or to any of the Councillors. We also have a presence on Facebook and encourage residents to join the group.

Minutes of meetings are available on the website as well as the Notice Board. The website also provides contact information for the Police and Streetcare to whom you can make direct requests for action without having to wait for a reaction from the PC.

John Lewis asked what costs were involved in the breaking of the lease on West Street garages and the clerk advised that solicitor's costs had been £600. Ernest Matthews said that he had heard that the previous PC had been offered more than 6K to break the lease but Cllr Seve advised that this was hearsay and not relevant to the meeting.

4. Police Report

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PCSO Sheryl Drewitt was in attendance and advised the meeting that there had not been a lot of crime committed in Tytherington. Since March a shed had been broken into and some garden urns removed from a garden. The police continue to monitor Tytherington Hill but as the law regarding cannabis had changed it was difficult to get an arrest. The Beat Surgeries were still being held in the Village Shop and the next one would be held on

5. Ward Councillor's Report

Good evening everyone.

May I take this opportunity to say what a pleasure it has been to work, during this past year, with such an energetic and pro-active Parish Council. You will have heard from the Chairman's report how much has been achieved in the village during the year.

I should also like to commend the village as a whole for the calm and objective way in which you are approaching the two possible large housing developments in the village. I attended a meeting of TAG yesterday evening, chaired by Dr Martin Bruce, and was impressed by the way in which the village has got together to share information, concerns, and proposals.

Briefly to keep you up to date with what's been going on in South Glos generally:

Devolution: The new West of England Combined Authority has control of a Devolution Deal worth more than £1bn over the next 30 years, with power and money previously administered by Westminster now available locally. The new West of England Regional Mayor for whom we shall be voting on 4th May, will work with the leaders of Bath and N E Somerset Council, South Gloucestershire Council and the Mayor of Bristol, to make decisions over investment and strategy for regional infrastructure including homes, transport, business growth and adult skill provision.

Everyone should register to vote if not already on the register. Next election here is for the Regional Mayor. Last date for registration is tomorrow 13 April up to midnight. Election on 4th May.

Waste Management: I reported last year that there was a plan going through the consultation period, to reduce the size of the black general waste bins, still collect from them fortnightly, but to collect ALL recyclables weekly.

The Waste Strategy has now been agreed and the first part of the planned change is imminent. First the recycling collections will be changed to weekly for all recycling, then once that service is in place, the 240 litre black bins will be swapped for 140 litre black bins. This system has been shown to be most successful in drawing out more recycling from the waste stream. This is essential to reduce the amount of waste we send to Landfill, and thus keep costs down.

Broadband. This problem for Tytherington is still not resolved although Tytherington is to be part of BT's Phase 2 rollout. Your parish council, and I and Luke Hall, our MP,

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have all been trying to bring pressure to bear to get Itchington included in this Phase 2, but so far no promises have been forthcoming, nor even any encouraging noises.

Housing developments South Glos still does not have a 5 year land supply which would deliver enough completed homes within 5 years. Developers all over the authority are now submitting applications for sites in and around all our villages, and even if our Planning Officers and Councillors refuse permission, it is often granted on appeal. Given the housing shortage nationwide, we should all be prepared to accept some new housing in our area, but this will always lead to strain on the infrastructure leading to traffic congestion, pressure on doctors' surgeries, pressure on schools.

I hope that the new Mayor and the leaders of the three participating authorities will note the strain on the infrastructure to the north of Bristol, and plan for at least some future developments to be, for example, to the east of Bristol.

Infrastructure: Plans are still going forward for the proposed new motorway link (junction 18A) off Westerleigh Road at Emerson's Green to ease the peak time congestion on the Ring Road.

The new Metrobus route is still under construction, and should be finished sometime this year.

As always, if you have any queries, please contact me. You can also follow some events and opinions on my Facebook page – Marian Lewis for Ladden Brook.

6. **Brief Statement of Accounts**

The Clerk had produced the unaudited receipts and payments account for the year ended 2016/17. Mr McCabe asked what donations had been received by the PC as £18,500 seems rather a lot. The clerk advised that some of the money was earmarked but the £18,500 included the £10,000 loan, £1,000 from Merlin and £1,000 from Magnox for the Jubilee Field upgrade. £2,200 for the repayment of the grant for the mower and the £6,000 from the breaking of the West Street garages lease.

7. **Appointment of Internal Auditor**

The Chair proposed Di Creevy as the PC's Internal Auditor seconded by Cllr Seve. Unanimously agreed. The clerk advised that the PC would have to appoint an auditor familiar with Parish Council governance at the APM next year. Mr McCabe said that he could recommend an auditor.

8. **Village Hall Report**

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The Village Hall Committee now consists of 9 members plus a Parish Council and a Pre-School representative. Committee meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

The following list is a summary of hall users for the year:

Churpel Society
W.I.
Pre-School
Thornbury Theatre & Music Group
Village Shop
Mixer Group
St Johns Ambulance (weekly)
Private functions
Guide & Brownie packs
Pilate's Group
Jazz Jive

The Village Hall continues to be regularly used and our income is still exceeding out outgoings.

During the past year broadband has been installed at the request of Pre-School which seems to be running smoothly.

Correspondence had been received from South Glos Council that we were no longer able to use the black bin collection service and would need to set up our own waste collection. General waste is now collected by SUEZ at a cost of £28.27 + vat per month. It seems that South Glos Council are still collecting the recycling containers. The waste collection service is shared with the Village Shop for which they pay half the cost. We are now aware of the fact that Rangeworthy Hall, Westerleigh Hall, Cromhall Shop and Jungle Chums all still have a black bin collection. This was raised with South Glos Council who replied that it was at the discretion of the "collection crews". This has now been referred to Matthew Riddle as it seems an unfair situation.

We were asked if a sound system / projector could be provided for the annex but after further investigation it was agreed that this would not be cost effective.

With the loss of the village store in West Street it has been proposed that the old cycle shed store be rationalised to provide some space for large scenery items. Shelving has been installed to make better use of the pre-school outdoor equipment storage space. We are looking at the possibility of extending the store/old cycle shed for village use. We are currently obtaining quotes for this work and it is hoped that the Parish Council may use some of the funding from the sale of the West Street Store towards the cost of this work.

Repairs have been made to the gate to the school lawn; it was felt that the wooden slats could be removed enabling a child to escape. It was suggested that green plastic mesh could be fixed to the existing horizontal wooden rails. The quoted incident

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involving a child escaping and walking home took place over 35 years ago and involved the old church hall and was not relevant to the current Pre-School.

There are vacancies on the Hall Committee if anyone wants to join us - each member stands for 3 years and then has to be re-elected if they choose to serve another term. Please contact John Lewis if you are interested.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their continued commitment to the Hall Committee, in particular John Lewis, our secretary and Graham Pugh our Treasurer.

Reminder - Village Hall AGM - Wednesday 10th May 2017 at 8pm.

9. **May Day Committee**

The May Day Fair 2016 started off with heavy rain and very wet arrival of the Monarch and attendants. However, it was not a total wash-out, and many thanks to Bradley Stoke Judo Club for performing in not perfect conditions. Unfortunately, the Band had to perform in the Marquee, (rather loud and crowded), and following on from this the M & M group wish to have their own large pop-up tent to 'house' the Band. For 2017 we are going to borrow one from Becky Longworth, but will purchase one in readiness for the Fun Day, but will need somewhere to store it please?

Once again thanks the Parish Council for allowing us to have dogs in the Jubilee Field for the Fun Dog Show event as this brings in quite a lot of visitors.

The fair had all the usual attractions, and many thanks to all who volunteer to make the day such a success.

The May Day Fair for 2017 is not far away, and I hope that you are all coming along on the day. The Bradley Stoke Judo club will be performing again, and we are also having a Security Dog demonstration

Please give generously to the tombola collectors who will soon be knocking on your door. Alternatively, you can leave your suitable donations of bottle and cans etc at the village shop before Thursday 27 April. Also, we are always looking for volunteers to help on the day, so if you can help, please contact Val Johnson (417445)

10. **Marquee Committee**

Last year's the marquee was used Nine times during the season. This resulted in an income after expenses of approximately £1,600. We have also invested in a replacement trailer to ensure that the marquee can continue to be safely transported.

The new season is about to commence and the marquee is already committed for Nine events, the first being May Day.

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We will shortly be asking local clubs and charitable organisations to apply for contributions from the marquee funds.

Insurance continues to be in place to cover the volunteers during erection and dismantling of the marquee.

The management and erection of the marquee is solely reliant on small dedicated group of volunteers and the committee are very grateful to all who have helped during the season. All offers of help from volunteers on the relevant days would be much appreciated, if anyone would like to get involved please let me have your contact details.

Would like to thank the Council for their continued support and we look forward to a busy year.

11. Village Shop Report

This report was received after the meeting on the 14th April but has been inserted.

SUMMARY OF TVSA CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2016-17 FOR AMM – TUESDAY APRIL 25 2017

1. The meeting began by noting the passing in 2016-7 of three key members of the community who all contributed much to the shop over the years:

Alice Johnson , Beryl Constance and Barbara Crapper

2. THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IN 2016-17

a) Committee membership

The resignations of the Shop Manager and Treasurer were noted with much regret and three new members welcomed

It was noted that nobody has come forward to take on the role of shop manager but the committee has been able to share the responsibilities to provide continuity.

b) Improving the shop/Post Office environment

Work done to keep the shop garden looking good was outlined and the following shop repairs/replacement noted:- new panel heater, replacement key safe and cupboard shelving mended, new freezer, drain clearance in shop car park, repairs to newspaper cupboard and guttering

c) Fund raising activities in 2016

There were outlined and the total raised (£1080) was noted

d) Forward planning for 2016-17

Due to the reduced time for fundraising, the committee applied successfully for a grant from the Parish Council for £1500 to cover the staffing and other costs of the Post Office for 2017. The committee very much appreciates this support, in what is likely to be quite a long period of transition.

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e) **New roles** now being done by committee members were outlined, as well as the steps being taken to improve the appearance of the shop and to cut down on wastage.

3 OUTREACH POST OFFICE

Staffing has remained stable over the past year. This has ensured that the opening hours have not changed. The contribution of regular staff was warmly appreciated, as well as on- going support from Sue Baines, Postmistress of Cromhall and Debbie Brock, who provides liaison and support for PO staff.

Use of the PO by the village has remained stable over the past year. The annual contribution of £4000 toward PO costs from the Parish Council was warmly appreciated. It was noted that without it, we should not have a village post office.

4. STAFFING AND VOLUNTEERING IN THE SHOP

Arrangements for supporting volunteers were outlined and the changes made as a result of new helpers coming forward

5 MEMBERSHIP OF TVSA

Changes to membership numbers were noted and the new membership strategy outlined and thanks given to the regular helpers without whom the shop could not function successfully.

12. Report by the Trustees of Hardwicke Field

The current balance – unaudited – of the Hardwicke trust is: £39,071.52

Comprising of:

£2,379.57 : Current Account NatWest bank

£15,957.40 – Investment with Henderson Fund Managers

£20,734.55 – National Savings Account

In addition, a loan of £10,000 has been made to the PC, in accordance with Charity Commission legislation, to support the Jubilee Upgrade.

The trust was put in place in 1937 to protect the Hardwicke Field for the recreational purposes of the parishioners.

Over the years the trustees have evolved into being the Parish Council.

One of the acts of the current Parish Council was to instruct Wards, our solicitors, to review the trust to ensure that it was fit for purpose, to review the makeup of the trustees, in order to prevent any possible conflict of interest, and to guarantee the continued protection of the Hardwicke Field as a valued green space in the village.

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To this end a new covenant has been drafted reflecting the initial principles of the 1937 Trust and to protect the future of the Hardwicke Fields from encroachment or development.

Final amendments are underway, but the Hardwicke Trust will return to a mixed board of trustees comprising of 3 Council members, 3 Parishioners and an independent Chair. Once the revised documentation is available the Trust would like to make this available for review and consultation, to any interested parties, prior to final approval.

Following approval, we shall be advertising the roles available and hope that parishioners will come forward to join the Board of Trustees and ensure the future of the Hardwicke Trust and associated assets.

The Trustees would like to thank the Tytherington Rocks for their ongoing maintenance of the Hardwicke Field and the work of Ted Travell and Merv Lacey in the maintenance of the land and the Pavilion.

Although we are in a state of review and transition this has not prevented the current Trustees from regularly meeting to take things forward. The loan to the PC was made with Charity Commission approval and will be repaid over a set period, tracking to base rate. Discussions are underway with The Rocks on the proposed extension of the Pavilion and the role of the Hardwicke Trust in supporting the upgrade of some of the original 1937 structure.

13. **Friends of Tytherington Countryside Group**

The Countryside Group has changed its name from the Countryside Group to Friends of Tytherington Countryside Group.

14. **Grants From Community Benefit Fund**

Grants from the Community Benefit Fund are now available. The Grant Making Policy is on the web site for potential applicants information.

15. **Volunteering Opportunities**

There are many volunteering opportunities in the village. The wardens would like help with maintaining their areas, marquee erection, Village Shop etc. Residents were advised to contact the people responsible for the various areas of work. There is also the Spring Clean which is taking place on Saturday 22nd April starting at the Jubilee Field. Val Johnson also advised that there is a coffee morning taking place in the church. John Lewis asked where the rubbish would be left and the clerk advised that it would be picked up by South Glos from the Jubilee Field.

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16. AOB

John Lewis wished to thank Ernest for cutting back the pathway along Tower Farm.

Mrs Vinden advised that rubbish had been dumped along the BOAT.

Speedwatch reported speeds of up to 58mph through the village.

A question was asked about the new junction at Woodlands as only one line had been drawn on the road and no signage had been erected. The clerk was asked to investigate.

Matthew Lipton thanked the PC for all their hard work during the year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.