

## **Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Parish Meeting held in the Coronation Hall, Burrowbridge on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.**

**B. Tyler** chairman of the Parish Council welcomed approx 70 adults to the meeting. He went on to introduce Parish, District and County Councillors. He also introduced the new Clerk, Debbie House, who was to take over in June. **Apologies** were received from the Rev. Tricia Staple.

Before continuing with the current year's report, Minutes of the 2015 meeting were displayed on the screen for all to see. C. Loughlin proposed and D. Tilley seconded that these be signed.

The Chairman, B. Tyler, continued giving a resume of accomplishments by the PC during the past year. He mentioned road problems including the repair and reinstatement of West Yeo Road including putting the drains back near the junction of the A361. He then mentioned the new Defibrillator based at Walkers Farm, at the top of Stathe Hill, and grass cutting. He went on to thank Will and Di Tilley for organising a beacon for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on their land and raising money for both Burrowbridge and Stoke St. Gregory churches. He mentioned the Health & Wellbeing grant which was used to fund Qigong classes for the over 60's. These classes were so popular that the Parish Council agreed to fund half the cost for Burrowbridge residents over 60. He reminded residents that the PC meetings are open to the public and that there is a Burrowbridge Parish Council website where residents can keep upto date. Last but not least the Community Infrastructure Levy was mentioned and he asked for any ideas on how to spend the £1453.00p (already accumulated). The W.I. were thanked for providing the refreshments again and last but not least he asked residents to show their gratitude to Maggie Payton who was stepping down, after 16 years, as Clerk.

**Financial Report:** The end-of-year figures were then display: The Clerk gave a brief explanation of the expenditure.

**William Salman** then gave a brief outline of the history of the Men's Shed. He stated that it was a good venue for men who were not socialising and that they were usually held in refurbished buildings. There were lots of activities including First Aid and making things. The Burrowbridge Men's Shed meets on a Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon.

**Audrey Mansfield**, the Village Agent for the area, gave a brief outline of insurance for residents who had been flooded and also mentioned that the Village Agent project was extending to Exmoor and Cheddar.

**Matthew Uren** from the NFU began his talk on Modern Day Farming. He began by stating that he was the Somerset County Advisor. He explained that farms were getting bigger and that there were 101,000 farms in the UK. Many

farms were diversifying with less and less of them being self-sufficient. He stated that the Red Farm Tractor logo had been initiated to promote clearer labelling and ensure food originated from a trustworthy source.

**B.Tyler** thanked the speakers and the formal part of the meeting finished. There were table top displays from RSPB/Berry's Associates showing the revised plans for the Gillards Transport yard/Dog Training/Bridgekidz and Cognitive Behaviour Therapy.

**Signed.....Date.....**

**Chair**