

# CREECH ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL

## **Draft Minutes** for the Annual Parish Meeting of Creech St Michael Parish held at Creech St Michael Village Hall on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7:00pm**

The meeting was attended by seven members of the Parish Council, twenty members of the public, Councillor David Fothergill and Andrew Williams, Creech St Michael parish Council Clerk and RFO.

### **The meeting started at 7:02pm**

1.0	<b>Welcome by the Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr. Annabelle Peters (AP).</b>
	<p>AP welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a review of the key moments from the past twelve months and the achievements of the Parish Council. In addition AP reported on the work of the Parish Council's Committee and Working groups.</p> <p>AP outlined the priorities for the year ahead for the Parish Council, these included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To continue to monitor traffic flows through the Parish in order to reduce traffic speed in the villages and continue the traffic action plan and Speedwatch project.</li><li>• To implement "Stop and Chat" benches throughout the community to reduce isolation and loneliness.</li><li>• To increase the circulation of the Parish News Sheet and increase the volunteer distributors.</li><li>• Continuing to make the Canal a more attractive and interesting area to visit with new information boards and posters of walking/cycling routes.</li><li>• To continue to apply for other community grants to be used in the Parish.</li><li>• To be more visible to the community and engage with residents.</li><li>• To lead the organisation of the Easter and Christmas Fayres and to arrange more community events for the villages.</li><li>• To install a waste bin at Arundel way by the bench and re-site the dog bin.</li><li>• To continue the work to encourage a "community spirit" in the villages.</li></ul>
2.0	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>
	None.
3.0	<b>A Snippet of Parish History - Ted Ewens, a Resident of Creech St Michael</b>
	The meeting enjoyed a presentation from Creech St Michael resident Ted Ewens, who explored a series of interesting facts about the heritage of the Creech St Michael Community and how residents could access more detail on the history of the community.
4.0	<b>The New Somerset Unitary Authority - Cllr. David Fothergill</b>
	Cllr. Fothergill provided an introduction to the workings of the new Somerset Unitary Authority, including why there was a need for change and how these changes will affect the Council's services and the experiences of residents.
5.0	<b>Volunteer Awards</b>

	AP presented certificates to five residents that recognised their voluntary and community efforts.				
6.0	<b>Public Forum</b>				
	<p>A residents raised concerns about the cutting of grass within the Parish and expressed concern that this wasn't being undertaken regularly.</p> <p>AP agreed to take the matter up with Somerset Council as they were the responsible body for this and encouraged everyone to make use of the reporting feature on the Somerset Council website to raise this type of concern.</p>				
	<b>Prop: DP</b>	<b>Sec: CC</b>	<b>In Favour: 3</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>
7.0	<b>Closing Remarks</b>				
	<p>AP thanked everyone for attending and for the contributions from Ted Ewens and Cllr. David Fothergill.</p> <p>Refreshments were taken.</p>				
	<b>The meeting closed at 8.23pm</b>				

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