

# LITTLE SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 held Little Somerford Village Hall

### Minutes

**Present** Cllr P Cameron Cllr J Frayling Cllr C Minshell  
Cllr D Orchard Cllr S Orchard Cllr J Fairbairn

**In Attendance** R Nuttall (Clerk) One member of the  
Cllr Threlfall (Wiltshire) public

- 21APM/1 Apologies for Absence received from Cllr Webb.
- 21APM/2 No declarations of interest
- 21APM/3 The Minutes of the last APM held 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.  
Proposed: Cllr Cameron; Seconded: Cllr D Orchard
- 21APM/4 Cllr Cameron gave the **Chair's Report**, a copy is appended to these minutes.
- 21APM/5 The 2020/21 figures have been signed off by internal audit and will to the Parish Council for formal approval next month. The Council made an in-year surplus of £1262 and ended with £16580 in the bank. The main source of income is the Precept. The main expenditure is on salary for the Clerk (15 hours per month) and grass cutting.
- The Council has set a £1160 deficit budget for 2021/22 to allow it to invest in the Wildlife Friendly Village Project. The Precept has increased by £500 to £10000 which equates to £2.59 pa extra per band D household.
- 21APM/6 Wildlife Friendly Village report was received, appended to these minutes.

### Village Matters

The following reports were received and are appended to the minutes.

- 21APM/7.1 **Speedwatch Group** – the Parish Council expressed their thanks to Mrs Free for co-ordinating this group.
- 21APM/7.2 **Covid19 Community Support** – Many thanks to Zoe Carruthers for all her work on organising this.

Approved ..... *P. Cameron* ..... Chair ..... 10/05/22 ..... Date

21APM/7.3 **School Report**

21APM/7.4 **Neighbourhood Watch** – it was noted that Mike Jones would like to step down as co-ordinator of this. Thanks expressed for all his work with this group.

**Public Bodies**

21APM/8.1 No report received from Wiltshire Police.

21APM/8.2 The Health & Wellbeing Report was received – appended to these minutes.

21APM/8.3 Wiltshire Council – Wiltshire Cllr Threlfall arrived later at the meeting, having attended 2 other APMs in the area.  
She reported that Wiltshire Council is now in 'Recovery Mode', hoping to be able to deliver a balanced budget but with reduced income and an increasing demand for services, as a result of the Covid19 Pandemic.  
Following the recent election, the Council has new leaders, with new priorities and emphasis. This all must be balanced with Government policies such as emission reductions and planning.

21APM/9 There were no questions from the public, however there was confirmation of offer to be involved in the Wildlife Friendly Village Project.