

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING FOR

ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH

The South Ward Assembly of the Parish Meeting for St Cuthbert (Out) Parish Council at Dinder Village Hall, Dinder on 19TH February 2018 at 7.00pm

In attendance: Cllr E Danson (Chairman), Ms Michele Exton (Parish Clerk), 9 Members of the Public.

Apologies: None received.

1. Welcome from the Chairman

Cllr Danson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Parish Clerk described the legal requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 to hold an annual Parish meeting and explained that due to the geographical spread of St Cuthbert (Out), a Parish meeting (Ward Assembly) was being held in each Ward.

2. Update and report from local and area organisations in attendance

None.

3. Update from District and County Councillors

None.

4. Report from the Chairman

Cllr Danson reported to the meeting:

- The Parish Council as the Board of Trustees for Dulcote Recreation Ground had held a meeting recently where the constitution had been discussed. The next meeting will be in approximately 6 months.
- Wookey Hole Community Hall had provided information on being a Place of Safety and this information will be helpful in progressing the Parish Emergency Plan.
- A meeting is to be organised to progress the Council's involvement in the "Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute & WW1 Beacons of Light" commemoration event planned for 11th November 2018.
- The Chairman had received positive feedback on the 7 Parish Guides which can be found on the Council's website.

5. To confirm and sign as correct record the minutes of the South Ward Assembly Meeting held on 20th February 2017.

The minutes of the South Ward Assembly Meeting held on 20th February 2017 were read and Cllr Danson signed them as a correct record following the meetings' agreement.

6. Public questions and comments

- Residents from Dulcote and Dinder informed the meeting of the offensive cooking smells both villages and surrounding villages have been experiencing from the nearby Charlie Bigham food processing facility since it opened in September 2017. The smells can reach beyond Dulcote and Dinder to surrounding villages and Wells depending on the wind direction. It is affecting residents' enjoyment of their amenity, and residents fear that this will become even worse in the summer months when they open windows and want to sit in their gardens. They also wish to ensure that this problem is resolved before the next 2 facilities (for which there is outline planning permission) become operational.

The Director of Charlie Bigham and a Senior Environmental Health Officer from Mendip District Council are aware of the problem. Mendip District Council require that there must be an improvement within 6 months of the facility operating. Cllrs Eleanor Handford and Nigel Hewitt-Cooper have met with the Director who after investigation and research, has found a solution which he hopes to implement within a couple of weeks.

The community is recording complaints and pushing for a resolution. They wished to register this problem at the meeting as a baseline record of the issue and to request the Parish Council's support. The Parish Clerk is to write to Mendip District Council and Cllr Handford will report progress to the Clerk following on from her next meeting with the Director. The community will be consulted if further action is considered necessary.

- Congratulations and thanks were given to Cllrs Handford and Hewitt-Cooper for their work to achieve the recent speed reductions in Dinder and Dulcote and along the A371.