

*Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Hanham Abbots held at Hanham Hall on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm.*

**1 CHAIRMAN OF MEETING**

The Chairman of Hanham Abbots Parish Council, Councillor Mr S Hicks, was in the Chair.

**2 MINUTES OF 2018 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The approved minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018, were circulated.

**3 AUDITED ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018.

**4 REPORT ON FINANCE**

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a report on the Council's finances for 2018-19 and an estimate of the Council's expenditure for 2019-20.

**5 ANNUAL REPORT**

The following report was submitted by Chairman S Hicks:-

Welcome to the Hanham Abbots Parish Meeting. I would like to start by thanking my fellow councillors for the support they have given me as Chairman during the past year.

Local elections will be taking place later this week, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, which means that we could see big changes to the membership of the parish council. Being a parish councillor is a brilliant opportunity to make improvements to the local community at grass roots level and I wish the very best of luck to all those standing for election. I hope all the good work we have done and all that is in progress will continue under the new council.

**Hanham Common Fayre**

This year's Hanham Common Fayre will be taking place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. We are hoping for good weather to attract people far and wide to come along to support many of the good causes that will be looking to raise money at the event.

**Hanham Library**

Open Access has now finally been installed at Hanham Library, allowing the library to stay open for registered Open Access users during non-staffed hours. You will remember that Hanham Library was unable to have Open Access at the initial roll out across South Gloucestershire due to the fire exit at the rear being too steep for wheelchair users to exit safely in an emergency, which has now been remedied.

**Friday Night Project**

Hanham Abbots Parish Council has, for some years now, worked closely with Hanham Parish Council on our very successful Friday Night Youth Project. This is funded by both Parish Councils who contribute £3,750 each per annum. This Project initially took place at Hanham High School, now Hanham Woods Academy. In September 2016 it was relocated to Creative Youth Network at Hanham Youth Centre. The project's aim is to engage disaffected youth in a range of positive activities thereby reducing anti-social behaviour in the local area by providing rewarding activities for young people whilst being supervised and supported by qualified youth workers. The purpose of this Project is for young people to avoid ASB orders, and to support them in developing personal and social skills. Young people are helped to achieve their potential to the best of their ability. This is by finding interests, developing skills and developing as a whole person to ensure young people feel a valued part of their community. An increase in attendance suggests our young people are responding positively.

**THE STATISTICS**

Since October 2018 (to January 2019) the Project has

- Run **13** Friday night sessions
- Engaged with **69** individual young people
- Had a total of **148** attendances

- 8 young people have attended 5 or more times in this reporting period
- 16 young people have attended from a priority neighbourhood

The young people have achieved the following outcomes:

<b>Avoiding ASB and Criminal Behaviour</b>	6
<b>Communication Skills</b>	21
<b>Healthy Lifestyle</b>	18
<b>New Skills and Knowledge</b>	26
<b>Positive Social Relationships</b>	18
<b>Self-confidence</b>	13
<b>Understanding rights and choices</b>	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	112

I hope that the new council will recognize the value of this project and continue to support it.

### **CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)**

I am pleased to report that the parish council has recently received £6,957 of CIL money to be spent on projects within the parish area. Although the parish council has not yet had a chance to discuss how this will be spent, we are mindful that the play area at Hanham Common is badly in need of refurbishment.

### **Grants**

The parish council has made small grants to local voluntary organisations this financial year who contribute to the well-being and enjoyment of facilities for local people, e.g.

MS Therapy Centre	£100
South Glos Citizens Advice	£250
Friends of Avon Valley Woodlands	£250
Community Heartbeat Trust (for defibrillator)	£50
Hanham Local History Society	£200

The Parish Council has set the precept at £67,396 for the financial year 2019/20.

## **6 ISSUES OF CONCERN AND PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE**

A member of the public was unable to find information relating to the number of seats for each parish ward on the South Glos Council website. The Clerk advised that she would note this and forward comments onto Electoral Services.

Another member of the public commended the parish council on its website; she found the footpath map very informative and the content was up to date, including dates of parish meetings and consultations.

Cllr H Goddard reported that a member of the public had objected to the organisations that the parish council had given grant funding to. She advised that she had informed the gentleman that he is welcome to attend Resources Committee meetings where grants are considered, to voice his objections.

A member of the public felt that a separate committee dedicated to green spaces would be beneficial. The Clerk and Chair advised that it is the Environment Committee's remit to discuss all matters relating to green spaces and the environment.

The Meeting closed at 7.53p.m, having been attended by 5 local residents in addition to 9 Parish Councillors, Becky Feather from The Week In and the Clerk to the Council.

Parish Councillors in Attendance:, Cllr S Hicks, Cllr S Atwell, Cllr N Gainard, Cllr J Goddard, Cllr K Bell, Cllr H Goddard, Cllr G McAllister, Cllr T Bray & Cllr G Bond.

No apologies for absence were received.

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Chairman