

MINUTES FROM AWLISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – MONDAY 14TH MAY 2019

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019 in the Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs W. Furnival, R. Lawrence, T. Harvey, P. Gillingham, C. Wright. County Councillor I. Chubb, District Councillor C. Brown. 14 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that he had been Chairman for 10 years and had now decided to stand down from the position. The Clerk thanked William for all his time and expertise that he had given to the council and he agreed to carry on with the task reporting on the planning applications.

1. **Election of Chairman** – The Clerk asked for any proposals for Chairman. Cllr Furnival proposed Cllr Richard Lawrence. This was seconded by Cllr Gillingham. All in favour. Cllr Lawrence agreed to stand for Chairman having been Vice Chairman for 10 years. There were no other proposals.
At this point of the meeting Cllr Furnival gave up the Chair and Cllr Lawrence took over. He then also did a vote of thanks to Cllr Furnival and everyone was in agreement.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Received from Cllr Nigel Boulton and Cllr Andy Summers.
3. **Welcome to Councillors for another 4 year term.** The council to stay the same as the last 4 years.
4. **Election of Vice Chairman:** The Chairman asked for a proposer for Vice Chairman. Cllr Harvey proposed Cllr Paddy Gillingham. This was seconded by Cllr Wright. All in favour. Cllr Gillingham was happy to stand and he was duly elected.
5. **Appointment of Parish Council Representative onto the Hall Management Committee.** – Cllr Paddy Gillingham was happy to continue as Hall Representative.
6. **Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting** held on Monday 14th May 2018 had been signed as a true and correct record at the meeting following that in June 2018. These minutes were circulated for information only.
7. **Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019.** Copies of the Summary Receipts and Payments were circulated. The Clerk gave a brief explanation of the accounts. The year began with a bank balance of £6563.87. The total receipts were £6720.00 Total payments were £7489.53 and there were unrepresented cheques of £200.00 as at 31st March 2019. This meant that the actual bank balance as at 31st March 2019 was £6042.35. The Clerk explained the slight increase in payments due to the defibrillator. There were no questions regarding the accounts so they were signed and adopted by the Chairman.

At this point the reports from the County and District Councillors were given as they were expected at other meetings.

1. **Chairmans Report.** Cllr Furnival gave a concise report of the Parish Councils involvements over the past year. He thanked the Councillors that had supported him as Chairman and hoped that they would continue to support the council in the future particularly the new Chairman. A thank you was given to Timandra Burford and Gel Long for providing an excellent Awliscombe and Weston Times over the last 12 months. He also thanked the County Councillor Iain Chubb and District Councillor Phillip Skinner for attending meetings throughout the year.
A full Chairman's report along with other reports from tonight's meeting will be available on the website in due course.
2. **Report from County Councillor Iain Chubb:** Cllr Chubb explained how is now covering 22 parishes in the area. One of the main priorities is the broadband situation and how a new 5G coverage may be available although this was questioned due to the next phase of the Gigaclear rollout. As usual potholes and road maintenance is also a priority and he meets regularly with the local Highways officers in the area to make sure emergency repairs are carried out. Please make sure potholes are reported online. The Chairman thanked Cllr Chubb for his report and thanked him for attending meetings throughout the year.
3. **Report from District Councillor Colin Brown:** Cllr Brown explained that he was our new District Councillor since we joined the Dunkeswell and Otter Valley area. He is joined by Councillor David Keys who is also councillor for Upottery and unfortunately, they had their meeting the same night. Between them they cover 11 parishes but hope to be able to attend as many of our regular meetings to discuss any issues and update on any news.

The Chairman thanked both Councillors for attending and they both left to attend further meetings.

A break was taken for refreshments.

4. **Reports from the organisations were given.** A copy of these will be published on the website.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and keeping everyone up to date with what is happening in the village.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed.

Sally Maynard

Parsh Clerk