



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
POLTIMORE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 24TH MAY 2021 AT 7 PM**

Present:	Lisa Thomas	-	Councillor Chair
	James Feeseey	-	Councillor
	Esme Gibbins	-	Councillor
	Val Langabeer	-	Councillor
	Dave Pritchard	-	Councillor
	Richard Gibbins	-	Councillor
	Jonathan Wright	-	Poltimore House Rep
	Jennie Edwards	-	Clerk
	Members of the Public	-	Three

41/21 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE District Councillor F King.

42/21 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

With no other Councillor proposed to serve as Chair, Cllr Lisa Thomas agreed to remain as Chair for 2021 / 22. Cllr L Thomas was elected unopposed.

43/21 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

To receive and resolve Declarations of Interest not currently on Councillors' ROIs and receipt of request for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) dispensation on items on the Agenda. **No change**

44/21 MINUTES The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 26th April 2021 and minutes from the Annual General meeting of May 13th 2019 **were resolved and approved** as a correct record, to be signed and dated accordingly.

45/21 COUNTY MATTERS. Report from District Councillor for May 21 had been circulated to all Councillors before meeting.

4621 POLTIMORE HOUSE REPORT

The Café was now opening on Tuesday and Thursday 10.30am to 4pm. The Events Calendar for 2021 had now been published and circulated. The Friends of Poltimore House and the Trust are working on the fabric of the house and garden but desperately need volunteers. There is still no further progress on the repairing of the Bowl.

47/21 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Concern of the many potholes around the village. Missed bin collections. Hedges over growing onto the pavements. Clerk to contact Highways and EDDC.

48/21 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR Cllr Lisa Thomas

In the past 12 months your Parish Council have had 11 Council meetings all of which were conducted using the ZOOM platform due to COV'D restrictions prohibiting the use of the village hall.

During the year.....

Due to the pandemic the Annual Parish meeting was cancelled last year and so was the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of WW1. A new Councillor was co-opted on the council in February, but we still have a vacancy for one more person.

The Council sent out a request to all residents to set up a volunteer group to help vulnerable residents with shopping, prescriptions, etc and 12 residents put their names forward. Thank you

Meetings have been dominated by discussions and work in connection with Planning Applications which almost doubled as they increased from 8 last year to 14. The applications were quite diverse and ranged from bids to build dwellings and extensions to an application to change the use of a residential dwelling to an educational facility as an independent special school. Of the 14 applications your Council supported 8.

A Councillor and the Clerk met with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer to establish priority areas for repairs to roads in and around the village.

We were informed that East Devon Council had pulled out of the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan.

Carole Shaw our tree warden for 17 years stood down, and we are now looking for a replacement.

Remembrance Day memorial rockets were purchased and duly released on 11 November at 11am.

It was reported on 29th November 2020 that the right-hand column of the Poltimore Bowls at the T junction with the B3181 had been damaged by a car. Extensive investigations have established that the Bowls lie in the boundary of Broadclyst Parish Council and work is on-going by them to effect repairs. The latest information is that Poltimore House Trustees are hoping to take over responsibility.

The Council supported a request from Poltimore Parochial Church Council to donate funds (£450) towards churchyard maintenance.

It was resolved to keep the Parish precept at the same level.

The Parish Council website has been maintained. The Council also now have Facebook.

49/21 FINANCE The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021 had been audited by the Internal Auditor and were ready to be sent to the External Auditors. Copies of the Accounts will be published on the Council website and can be made available for public inspection by contacting the Clerk. All councillors agreed the Accounts. The Chair to sign and date the Annual Governance and Accounting Statement, and Certificate of Exemption.

To resolve to approve the Bank reconciliation.

Bank Balance as at (14 Apr 21)	£10,943.55p
Bus: Interest Account	£1,017.37p
Payment of Clerk's Salary s/o	£322.14p
Payment of website Direct Debit	£54.00

Cheques required:

Zoom May £14.39p
Community First Insurance £186
Signatures required for Cheques.
All Payments resolved

50/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Annual Parish Meeting May 2022 TBD

Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Monday June 28th 2021 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8pm

Submitted by

J Edwards
Parish Clerk

Approved By

Chair ----- Date -----