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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY 16TH MAY 2016**

Present:

Anthony Howell-Jones	-	Councillor
Joy Howell-Jones	-	Councillor
James Feeseey	-	Councillor
Richard Gibbins	-	Councillor
Colin Kirkman	-	Councillor
Carol Appleby	-	Councillor
David Appleby	-	Councillor
Jennie Edwards	-	Parish Clerk
Jonathan Wright	-	Poltimore House Rep
Members of the public	-	4

16/60 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None

16/61 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

Cllr A Howell-Jones was elected unopposed to serve another year as Chairman for 2016/17

16/62 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr C Appleby and Cllr D Appleby tendered their resignations as they were moving away from the village. The remaining councillors signed the "Declaration of Acceptance of Office"

16/63 MINUTES FROM THE AGM HELD IN 2015

The minutes for 18th May 2015 were accepted as a true and accurate record by the Councillors that attended the meeting. The Chairman signed and dated the minutes

16/64 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR Cllr ANTHONY HOWELL-JONES

Over the past year, we have had our full quota of Councillors, but this will now change as David and Carol Appleby resigned prior to this evening meeting as they have now confirmed they are shortly moving to Shropshire. We thank them for their support and valuable input over the years. We shall miss them and wish them well in their new home. Therefore, at some point, we shall be seeking two new Councillors and anybody who might be interested, please have a word with our Clerk Jennie Edwards.

We have dealt with some 10 planning applications over the year, including amendments some in adjacent parishes. I know the solar panel project caused some disruptions to our roads in the October – December period last year, but the installation is now complete and operational.

The regular monthly Saturday morning coffee meetings started early last year has proved a continuing success. The profits go to the maintenance of the Parish Church burial ground; we have raised £400 in the first year and have more to come.

We undertook a 3rd Annual Traffic Survey on the same Tuesday in October. Without going into detail, I can say that our impression of an increase in traffic is fully confirmed with an increase of more than 25% at peak times since 2014. Much of this additional traffic volume is related to the WestExe and Equestrian Centre sites and 10% extra is coming through the village centre. Contrary to our original fears, we are not becoming a rat-run at the moment. The Parish and the adjoining area have more vehicles, a reflection of a national trend.

The Hatchland Road upkeep remains a problem as it is a private road with a lot of history and incomplete documentation. Some hard work has been done by our County and District Councillors to try and help to resolve the problem and I am glad to say that 2 volunteers have agreed to go on a Chapter 8 Course so as to be able to "officially" repair potholes and undertake general maintenance which was previously done by the Parish Lengthsman, a casualty of financial cuts.

The Parish Council has developed a new Website to meet the new Government Transparency Code and this contains a lot more detail.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Councillors for their help and support on the Parish Council and especially our Clerk Jennie Edwards for all her dedication, hard work, shouldering all the admin whilst at the same time keeping us fully informed. Thankyou Jennie.

16/65 FINANCE

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016 had been audited by the Internal Auditor and were ready to be sent to the External Auditors. All Councillors agreed the accounts and the Chairman signed and dated the Accounting Statement.

DATE OF THE AGM 2017

The next AGM will be held in May 2017 DTD



Submitted By:

Jennie Edwards
Clerk to Poltimore Parish Council

Approved By:

Chairman