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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY 22nd MAY 2017**

Present:	Anthony Howell-Jones	-	Councillor
	Joy Howell-Jones	-	Councillor
	James Feeseey	-	Councillor
	Richard Gibbins	-	Councillor
	Esme Gibbins	-	Councillor
	Rebekah Harris-Baty	-	Councillor
	Eleanor Rylance	-	District Councillor
	Jennie Edwards	-	Parish Clerk
	Jonathan Wright	-	Poltimore House Rep
	Members of the public	-	6

17/52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Member of the public C Shaw

17/53 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

Cllr A Howell-Jones was elected unopposed to serve another year as Chairman for 2017/18

17/54 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

All councillors signed the "Declaration of Acceptance of Office"

17/55 MINUTES FROM THE AGM HELD IN 2016

The minutes for 16th May 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record by the Councillors that attended the meeting. The Chairman signed and dated the minutes

17/56 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR Cllr ANTHONY HOWELL-JONES

For the year 2016/17 we had notification of 20 Planning Applications, up from 10 in the previous year. We receive notification of all planning applications in our parish and nearly all those for adjoining parishes.

Many were variations of existing approvals although we had a few that were original. Most were associated with Saxon Brook and Moon Hill Copse. One resident appealed against the application for Redrow's marketing suite – this application was approved by EDDC and the subsequent flooding proved her arguments, as it had to be relocated early this year (which meant another variation application.)

The Councillors did not support the application for construction of a number of houses on the land north west of Kilmore House as we felt that if approval were to be granted, there could be future application for land to the south west of the house and the infra-structure of the village would not be sustainable. – EDDC did not approve the application.

There is also pending an appeal to the Sec of State regarding EDDC refusal for the conversion of burnt-out steel framed farm buildings to 3 residential properties west of the M5 in Poltimore.

During the year, Cllrs David and Carole Appleby and Cllr Colin Kirkman resigned early in the summer and Cllr Rebeka Baty-Harris and Esme Gibbins accepted to be co-opted, leaving the council with one vacancy for the remainder of the year.

We have had welcome and regular reports from County member Cllr Peter Bowden although it is some time since County Ward members Chris Pepper and Maria Hale have attended our meetings. Peter Bowden has now retired and is planning the move to Australia with his wife to be nearer family. We are looking forward to meeting our 2 County and 2 District Councillors following the recent local elections and boundary changes.

We had 2 requests for financial support from the Parish Council. However as both involved works on private land, the PC could not assist under the regulations.

Crime Report 7, generally drugs, no insurance, abusive behaviour, and theft.

We purchased a projector and screen under the Parishes Together Fund in support of our Clerks presentations, although I have to say that the image quality of plans and maps from EDDC leave something to be desired.

We funded 2 of the 3 Hand Dryers for Village Hall under the Community Rolling Project

We did not undertake our regular October Traffic Survey as the results would have been skewed by the construction and visitor traffic to Saxon Brook Development and elsewhere.

We have purchased a range of hand tools for use by parish volunteers together with safety equipment to replace the work undertaken by the Parish Lengths man who is no longer funded due to budget cuts.

Throughout the year, we had regular and welcome reports from Jonathan Wright, vice chair of the Poltimore House Trust.

Transparency Code – Website. Making slow and steady progress in improving our parish website, which we are obliged to maintain.

We had an interesting presentation by Simon Bates who is seeking HLF (Heritage Lottery Fund) “Our Heritage” funding for a survey of the “Great Trees of the Clyst Valley” which I understand has just been approved.

17/57 FINANCE

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 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 Annual Governance and Accounting Statement.

17/58 DATE OF THE AGM 2018

The next AGM will be held in May 2018 DTD



Submitted By:

Jennie Edwards
Clerk to Poltimore Parish Council

Approved By:

Chair

Date