

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Sheepwash Parish Council, held on the 3rd May 2018 in the Village Hall, Sheepwash, 7pm.

Present: Cllr. Hackett, (Chair) Cllr. Penn, Cllr. Hutchings, Cllr Trace, Cllr Ritson, Penny Clapham (locum clerk), 16 members of the public, County Cllr. Parsons, Richard Haste, Torridge District Council, Bob Rush, Oke Rail CIC

Cllr Hackett welcomed everyone, giving a brief report of the purpose of the meeting.

No reports were received from organisations within the village.

Richard Haste from Torridge District Council, as the waste officer, updated everyone on the changes happening from 4th June to the waste collections in the district. The landfill collection will be fortnightly, all re-cycling and food waste, weekly, and those who pay £35pa for a green garden bin, also fortnightly. Mr. Haste answered many questions from the floor.

Cllr. Parsons, with a brief update on the past year – looking forward, the hospital at Holsworthy may be able to re-open its 16 beds. The N.Devon Healthcare Trust has submitted a plan for consideration which is considered to be in the best interests of the community. As a county councillor he has access to £10,000 for capital grants and also £10,000 for other projects, shared amongst all his parishes’. The Holsworthy community transport are likely to have considerable increased costs. Roads and potholes were also mentioned.

Bob Rush from Oke Rail CIC outlined the proposals to get the rail link opened on a daily service from Okehampton to Exeter. There are proposals for a new parkway station on the East side of Okehampton. Still ongoing.

Cllr. Hackett mentioned the light for the air ambulance is still awaited but ongoing to achieve planning permission. The Torridge Local Plan should have its 5 year land supply in place after 1st June. Concerned about the decline in PCSO’s and is fighting to keep their numbers up in North Devon. Superfast broadband is here.

From the public forum, a request to re-position a dog poo bin. A request as to when the minutes of the November public meeting were to be signed. These will be signed at the next council meeting in May.

Closing the meeting at 8.45pm, Cllr. Hackett thanked the Councillors, County Cllr. Parsons, and both Mark Crake (previous clerk) and Penny Clapham (current locum clerk) for their work for the parish in the past year.

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