

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Manor Hall, Berrynarbor on  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.00pm.**

Present: Cllr A Stanbury as Chairman of the meeting.  
4 electors, Mrs Victoria Woodhouse – Parish Clerk

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were accepted and signed as a correct record.

**2. Matters arising from the Minutes**

No matters were raised.

**3. Chairman's Report**

Cllr A Stanbury read out a report as Chairman of the Parish Council. He reported that the year had begun with a resignation from a Cllr and the appointment of Cllr Burch, along with the resignation of the previous Clerk and reappointment of Mrs V Woodhouse. Cllr Stanbury reported that a memorial bench for Lorna Bowden who had served the parish for over 30 years had been agreed and would be sited at the Manor Hall, the Parish Council had also worked with the Manor Hall Committee to secure Section 106 funding to renovate and upgrade aspects of the hall. The Parish Council had also supported the end of lockdown party and was in ongoing discussions to deliver the Boules Pitch. The Roundabout at Lynton Cross had been completed as had the repairs to Broadsands and the steps have now re-opened. The Parish Council had received a presentation recently from the Head of Planning at NDC which had focused on enforcement, the Parish Council had funded additional festive lights for the village and had agreed to support the Jubilee Celebrations and tree works at the Recreation Field along with providing grants to Berry In Bloom, the Newsletter Citizens Advice and Records Office.

**4. Berry in Bloom Report**

The report from Berry in Bloom was circulated and is attached as Appendix 1.

**5. Primary School Report**

No report received.

**6. Manor Hall Report**

The report from the Manor Hall was circulated and is attached as Appendix 2.

**7. Berrynarbor Pre -School Report**

No report received.

**8. Comments and Questions from Members of the Public**

No comments or questions were raised.

**9. Matters raised at the discretion of the Chairman**

None.



**Meeting ended at 7.08pm.**

Signed.......... Dated ..... 11/4/23 .....

Appendix 1: Berry in Bloom Report

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Dear Victoria and Parish council members

Last year Berry in bloom once again won GOLD for the village. The judge loved the fact that everything that we planted (apart from the spring bulbs) was grown in the village. This was thanks to Gill Eade who grew all the plants for the tubs around the village and Sally's boys Dan and Ollie from Barn cottage who grew and put together all the hanging baskets. Many thanks go to them. We have cut back the wild flower area in the dog walking field and added more seeds including rattle seed to keep the grass down. The judge was given a tour round the whole village including the harbour. We know we live in a special village and it's nice to show it off.

Andy O'Reilly and some of the men worked really hard to create the preschool new wildlife area and approximately £800.00 was spent on this.

We extended the watering system both at the shop and at the manor hall.

The group suffered a huge loss when Alan Eales suddenly passed away in June. Alan was our main 'go to man' and had everything we needed in the way of gardening tools and a very willing heart. He will be sorely missed and we have bought a plaque to remember him.

We have continued our own fundraising efforts but we had a huge donation from Jean Lashford who grew and sold plants at her gate raising £2000.00 for berry in bloom and another £2000.00 for the local hospice. This has given our finances a huge boost. Gill and Andy O'Reilly also made a donation from the sale of plants from their gate in the Sterridge valley. We are very grateful to both of them.

Other donations have raised approximately £1000.00.

Our finances are really healthy and we are deciding where our next project will be and how we will manage another project with our dwindling team of OAP's.

In fact, we are not going to ask for a donation this year. We feel that because of the time and expense of the Queen's platinum jubilee celebrations (and the loss of Alan) that we won't enter the competition this year, although we will still do the planting and litter picks and continue to 'love ' the village.

Let's hope that next year we will be re-energised and asking for a donation again and that you will look favorably on us once more.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Applegate



## Appendix 2: Manor Hall Report

### 1/ Chair Report

Unfortunately, we have had a further 12 months of off and on covid restrictions which have naturally caused disruption to the hall's normal activities. No fundraising events have been possible and just a handful of user groups have been able to continue during the non-lockdown periods. Once again, we are grateful for donations, and the continued rent from the pre-school, Men's Institute and the school along with the successful grant applications which has enabled us to remain financially secure.

Our thanks go to Gary our caretaker for keeping an eye on the building whilst long periods of closure. The H&S issues around Covid have been long and laborious and my sincere thanks go to Alan and Caroline for continuing to ensure that we have been "Covid Secure" throughout the pandemic, I sincerely hope that this task is soon to be unnecessary.

We say goodbye and thank you very much to Karen for all her contributions to the hall over the past few years and I know that life has been very busy for Karen.

Thank you to all my fellow trustees for all the help and support you give me and this lovely hall.

Hopefully our summer fete next month will be a great success, and I look forward to welcoming back our user groups and many more events this Autumn and beyond.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.