

Lea & Cleverton Parish Council

Minutes of the **Annual Meeting of Lea & Cleverton Parish** held on the **17th May 2021** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Cull (Chair), S Suter, S Masson & J Pugh

Also present: Claire Mann (Parish Clerk), Cllr E Threlfall (Wiltshire Council) & 1 member of the public

43/21 To receive apologies for absence

None received

44/21 To receive the Chairman's Annual Report

Cllr Cull stated that all activities have been overtaken by Covid restrictions – all meetings had to be reorganised and that new technology had played a major role in the delivery of meetings. Forced isolation of many had created a better Community awareness and that Kellie Chandler had been outstanding in the coordination of voluntary help during the pandemic.

During this time the Parish Council has still had to meet its statutory functions which has presented its own challenges.

The Chair of the Village Hall Committee has tendered his resignation and Cllr Cull extended thanks to him for his hard work and commitment over the years.

The Neighbourhood Plan has progressed despite changes in membership of the Steering Group and the Planning Committee of the Parish Council has worked hard to deal with incoming applications. Thanks were extended to all who have committed time and hard work to the sub committees of the Parish Council and to the volunteer who has kept the telephone box tidy and functioning as a book exchange.

Cllr Cull thanked all Councillors who have worked to keep the Parish Council functioning and expressed thanks to John Parmiter whose retirement had taken place during the year. It was noted that four Parish Councillors had chosen not to stand for re-election this year but that between them they had accumulated over one hundred years of service to the Parish Council and thanks were expressed to them for their unstinting hard work over the years.

Cllr Cull expressed regret of the difficulties that he had encountered whilst attempting to engage Parishioners in vital voluntary roles for the Parish.

45/21 To make provision for an Extraordinary Parish Meeting once Covid restrictions have been further relaxed

Members noted that Covid restrictions are expected to be reviewed on the 21st June and will convene a Parish meeting after that date to re-enthuse Parishioners to get involved with activities & initiatives.

46/21 To register any issues already raised by Parishioners

There were none raised.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm