

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th May 2013 at 7.15 pm under the chairmanship of Cllr Whiting. 14 parishioners and all Councillors attended.

1. No **Apologies for absence** were received.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the 2012 meeting were taken as read, adopted and signed.
3. **Chairman's report:** The Chairman reported on the Council's business over the past year. He noted the changes in constitution of the Council. He then summarised significant decisions of the Council, and its adoption of a new Code of Conduct. The Council had had a busy year, failing to develop Stafford Mount for affordable housing, but still hoping to take over the Millennium Copse. Much time was taken up with flood related matters, emergency planning and snow/frost clearance, and a neighbourhood plan is now in early development. Emma Hellier's efforts in improving several foot and bridle paths were noted with appreciation, as were those of residents and relatives at Hackers Mead. New equipment in the playground, and improvements to the cemetery, had been made. The Council had supported Mrs Ethelston's School in its bid to move to a new site, and been involved in allaying concerns over the allocation of the affordable housing at Masters Close, amongst many other issues.
4. **Other reports:**
  - a. **Police report:** PCSO Wooster reported a total of 48 crimes from April last year to this. The majority (12) were thefts, including heating oil; there were also 7 shed burglaries, some assaults and taking from vehicles, plus one offence of wasting police time. Overall, crime was down 5% in the Devon & Cornwall area, and there is funding for recruitment. She concluded by showing some alarmed padlocks that can be purchased for just £7 for sheds, quad bikes and oil tanks etc., and reminded the audience to use the 101 number to report suspicious people or events, however insignificant.
  - b. **County Councillor's report** – this arrived too late to be read out at the meeting.
5. Any other **questions and answers:** none

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....