

CATCOTT PARISH MEETING

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Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 11th May 2010
at 7.00pm in the Catcott School Hall

- APM 10/11/1 **PRESENT:** Cllr Fraser (in the Chair) and 19 members of the public, CCllr Huxtable DCllr Kingham and PCSO Bray.
- APM 10/11/2 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Julia Marshall (Clerk to Catcott Parish Council)
- APM 10/11/3 **WELCOME:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- APM 10/11/4 **MINUTES** of the previous Parish Meeting were confirmed and signed.
- APM 10/11/5 **CATCOTT PARISH COUNCIL:** Rachael Fraser (Chairman) gave a verbal report (having her right arm in plaster she had been unable to produce a written one). There had been two resignations from the Council and she thanked both people for the time they had given to the Council and the village. In particular, she thanked Eileen Chilcott who had been on the Council for many years. Some of the main problems experienced during the year had been connected with Highways and Planning. She was pleased to report a positive outcome regarding the Council's stance and the situation at Rose Park. The problems connected with the A39 had yet to be resolved in spite of a hopeful outcome from a meeting with Highways representatives earlier in the year.
- APM 10/11/6 **CATCOTT PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:** The Clerk had provided everyone with a printout of the accounts for the previous financial year together with the figures for the preceding year. She highlighted two matters. The Council is due to receive reimbursement for the Parish Plot payment. The Transport to School Fund has not been spent and this project is not going ahead. CCllr Huxtable confirmed that he was happy for the money to spent on some other worthwhile cause and would like to be consulted when ideas are forthcoming. Accounts attached as Appendix A.
- APM 10/11/7 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** Chris Eccles presented a report. Most importantly ALL of Catcott is now fully covered by Neighbourhood Watch. New signs have been put up on all five approach roads into the village. There have been only a few incidents this year. Full report attached as Appendix B.
- APM 10/11/8 **PLAY AREA:** Candy Brooks presented her report. There is some doubt as to whether it will be worth continuing with table top sales. There are new arrangements for the upkeep of the area. The resignation on health grounds of their longest serving member, Eileen Chilcott, is deeply regretted. More people are needed to serve on the working committee. Full report attached as Appendix C.
- APM 10/11/9 **POLICE:** PCSO Lora Bray presented a report on behalf of the Police. Rachel Aston has now returned to duty from Maternity Leave and they will be working together. There has been little trouble in the village. There is a Rural Watch Property Security Marking Initiative whereby members of the team visit households and security mark property. There is no charge. She asked that anyone suffering any form of anti social behaviour should contact the police. Catcott residents are very welcome to attend the regular monthly beat surgeries at Edington School Room. Full report attached as Appendix D.
- APM 10/11/10 **SPEEDWATCH:** Stuart Frier apologised that he was unable to attend. He had presented a report at the March 2010 Parish Council meeting. It is hoped to operate the scheme again before the holidays.

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- APM 10/11/11 **EDINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORY GROUP:** John Rigler presented a report on behalf of the group. He outlined the activities over the past year. The Group is building a Polden Hills Burial Index including the burials at St Peter's, Catcott. Catcott School pupils visited the Edington School Room where the records are kept and had a Victorian lesson. Full report attached as Appendix E.
- APM 10/11/12 **CATCOTT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION:** No formal report. New tubs will be placed round the War Memorial and at the Bus Shelter. Open Gardens will take place on the last Sunday in July.
- APM 10/11/13 **ST PETER'S CHURCH:** No report available.
- APM 10/11/14 **CATCOTT SCHOOL:** The Chairman read a report provided by the Headteacher, Mike Ellis. This included the school numbers, staffing, priorities for school development, future plans, action taken to try and alleviate the parking problems, the cancellation of the project to install a wind turbine and the information that the summer fayre will take place on Saturday 17th July. Full report at Appendix F.
- APM 10/11/15 **MARY GODFREY CHARITY:** Peter Mackay gave a brief report which is attached as Appendix G.
- APM 10/11/16 **CATCOTT EDUCATIONAL CHARITY:** Peter Mackay gave a brief report attached as Appendix H.
- APM 10/11/17 **RHODA NORRIS CHARITY:** No report available.
- APM 10/11/18 **SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL:** DCllr Kingham reported on what has been a tough financial year. He brought the meeting up to date on progress of various schemes, outlining some of the positive things happening in Sedgemoor such as Sort-it Plus and Clean Sweep. Full report attached as Appendix I.
- APM 10/11/19 **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL:** CCllr Huxtable said the County Council has experienced rapid change over the last year. A good start has been made on reducing the accumulating debt and ever rising Council Tax. New money has been made available to fill pot holes. The County Council is committed to streamlining their services. Full report attached as Appendix J.
- APM 10/11/20 **JAF LUTTRELL MEMORIAL CHARITY:** Catherine Andrews provided a report which was read by the Chairman. She briefly outlined the work of the charity. In October they said goodbye to Lady Hollis who retired after 39 years as a trustee. Her input had been invaluable. Full report attached as Appendix K.
- APM 10/11/21 **MEMORIAL BENCH:** Gary Clark (First Bus) had spoken to the Clerk earlier in the day. The bus drivers had clubbed together to fund a memorial bench in memory of Betty Acreman. It was agreed that this should go to the Parish Council for action.

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