

**CATCOTT PARISH MEETING** Parish Meeting 2014/2015 - 1  
Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
at 7.00pm in the Catcott School Hall

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**APM 14/15/1 PRESENT:** Cllr Barnett (in the Chair) and 13 members of the public.

**APM 14/15/2 APOLOGIES:** received from CCllr Huxtable

**APM 14/15/3 IN ATTENDANCE:** Julia Marshall (Clerk to Catcott Parish Council)

**APM 14/15/4 WELCOME:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**APM 14/15/5 MINUTES** of the previous Parish Meeting were confirmed and signed.

**APM 14/15/6 PARISH COUNCIL REPORT:** Cllr Fraser, Chairman of the Council until the beginning of May had not provided a report. The Clerk provided a report on behalf of the Council on this occasion.

**APM 14/15/7 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:** The Clerk provided copies of the accounts for the previous year. These were accepted.

**APM 14/15/8 RHODA NORRIS CHARITY:** This is dormant. Cllr Barnett reported that it is not a registered charity.

**APM 14/15/9 EDINGTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY GROUP:** As well as the written report Mr Frier gave a verbal report outlining the regular monthly meetings, the newly formed committee, the progress being made and the fact that the group would like more members.

**APM 14/15/10 POLICE:** There was no Police presence but Mr Eccles informed the meeting that PC Rob Jacobs, PCSO Lora Bray and others had been seconded to Moorland until very recently where they had been busy with the flood relief programme and safeguarding property. Inspector Andy Pritchard had responded to enquiries.

**APM 14/15/11 ALL OTHER REPORTS:** were in written format and will be attached to the minutes.

**APM 14/15/12 OTHER REPORTS:** All other reports were provided in written format and distributed to members of the public. These would be placed in the minute book.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....

## Council Report - APM - 13/05/2014

It has been a funny year for the Council with all the existing councillors joining during the year. Cllr Pople joined in April, Cllr Barnett in May, Cllr Edwards in July and Cllr Robins joined us at our last meeting.

There had been some discussion regarding the possibility of holding meetings on alternate months but it had been decided to continue with monthly meetings for the time being.

The unusually wet weather had caused problems for some people and a letter asking landowners and tenants with water courses through their land to check these and clear them as necessary had been sent out.

There were, of course, the usual planning applications, several of which the Parish Council supported but, as usual, the Council did not always get the result it favoured. There has been yet another change to the planning legislation which we have also had to get to grips with. There was one appeal for the retention of a fence in Manor Road and following the granting of the appeal the Council was pleased to receive a thank you letter from the householder.

It had been intended to undertake some additional work on the Parish Plot this year but because of the severe weather conditions this had not proved possible and is something that will hopefully be redressed this year. However, the annual cut did take place - just in the nick of time.

The CVA surprised us all by suddenly erecting a plinth with seat and planters in Manor Road. Following consultation with Highways, who should have been consulted prior to work, it was agreed that the Council should submit an application for a licence. This was done but no licence has yet been granted as a satisfactory CCTV survey in dry conditions needs to take place first.

The most recent matter of considerable concern to several people was the sudden cutback in the provision of buses. Not only was the service reduce from hourly to two hourly, but the route was changed and the buses stopped coming down King William Road which has caused problems for people as the hill is too steep for the elderly. Following a meeting between council representatives and bus company representative it was agreed that the bus company would look again at their scheduling to see if they could re-instate the old route down King William Road. However, we were told that there was no possibility of an hourly service being reintroduced although buses do run regularly along the A39 where there are no village stops. We are still hoping to hear good news any day now regarding the King William Road stops.

**Catcott Parish Council accounts as at 31/03/2014**

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL
Working funds B/F	3648.51	9893.70	9461.40	9126.35	8803.94	8383.87	7371.33	7011.19	6447.78	6046.88	5628.24	5312.36	
Precept	6504.00												6504.00
ctx support grant	190.00												190.00
Interest			0.10			0.38			0.31	34.63		0.20	35.62
VAT repayment		308.91											308.91
Salary	-266.59	-266.59	-266.59	-266.59	-266.59	-282.43	-269.23	-269.23	-269.23	-269.23	-269.23	-269.23	-3230.76
Office	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-120.00
Postage	-1.80	-2.20	-5.28	-0.30		-4.60	-1.10	-1.30	-1.10	-2.00	-1.80	-3.70	-25.18
Telephone	-4.41	-4.41	-6.23	-6.23	-6.23	-6.23	-6.23	-6.23	-6.23	-7.70	-7.70	-7.70	-75.53
Broadband	-6.52	-6.52	-7.08	-7.08	-7.08	-7.08	-7.08	-7.08	-7.08	-5.67	-5.67	-5.67	-79.61
Computer/Software	-7.50	-7.50	-7.50	-7.50	-7.50	-7.50	-7.50	-7.50	-7.50	-7.50	-17.48	-7.50	-99.98
Stationery/Ink							-36.00			-10.95			-46.95
Insurance		-351.42											-351.42
Audit			-10.00		-100.00								-110.00
Training		-25.00						-50.00	-25.00				-100.00
Subscriptions	-129.94					-36.00			-58.00				-223.94
Mileage/parking	-8.16	-9.07	-19.01	-21.35		-16.03	-12.82	-5.18	-13.82	-3.89	-3.89	-6.22	-119.44
Maintenance								-170.00					-170.00
Gritting Scheme										-100.00			-100.00
St Peter's						-490.00							-490.00
School Hall						-150.00							-150.00
VAT	-2.47	-2.50	-3.46	-3.36	-22.67	-3.05	-10.18	-36.89	-3.25	-22.30	-0.11	-0.18	-110.42
Due to Parish Plot	-11.42	-56.00								-14.03			-81.45
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Parish Plot - B/F	1402.18	1397.41	1453.41	1453.41	1453.41	1850.51	1850.51	1514.51	1514.51	1514.51	1925.64	1932.74	
Plot maintenance							-280.00						-280.00
Drainage Board	-16.19												-16.19
RPA					397.10					397.10			794.20
Wayleave											7.10		7.10
VAT & interest	11.42	56.00					-56.00			14.03			25.45
Parish Plot - C/F	1397.41	1453.41	1453.41	1453.41	1850.51	1850.51	1514.51	1514.51	1514.51	1925.64	1932.74	1932.74	

  

Opening balances 01/04/2013		Closing balances 31/03/2014							
Current a/c	761.27	Earmarked funds		NS Account		Nat West		Total Funds	
Reserve a/c	1014.77	Highways	528.16	NS	1276.54	Current a/c	1675.06	NS	1276.54
NS	1872.47	Church gates	600.00	Earmarked	3340.11	Reserve a/c	2015.76	Nat West	3690.82
Highways	528.16	Environment	279.21	TOTAL in NS a/c	4616.65	TOTAL in Nat West	3690.82		4967.36
Church gates	600.00	Parish Plot	1932.74					Un-presented cheques	0.00
Environment	279.21		3340.11					Working balance	4967.36
Parish Plot	1402.18							Earmarked	3340.11
TOTAL	6458.06							ALL ASSETS	8307.47

There is £1000 in the working balance at the end of the year which is a grant towards play facilities. This can be moved to a new fund in the next financial year if necessary.

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SpeedWatch in Catcott

Avon and Somerset Police have recently set up a Citizen's in Policing' scheme, which will very much help the team of volunteers involved with Speed Watch.

The reporting and administration has been tightened up and the computer system is simple to use.

Catcott now has a team of six volunteers, both working and retired, so SpeedWatch times are flexible during the week.

Under the old scheme we did have one session on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2013 for training purposes.

The team plan to have regular sessions from now on.

Stuart Frier

Co-ordinator Catcott SpeedWatch Team.



*THE VILLAGE HALL, QUARRY GROUNDS, EDINGTON, SOMERSET TA7 9HA*

ANNUAL REPORT FOR EDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL – MAY 2014

Another year another Chairman of The Village Hall Trustees and Management Committee. This enforced change exemplifies the main challenge we face. Our community would be very much poorer without the Village Hall and it concerns me that the task of managing this important facility falls upon a dwindling group of volunteers. We urgently need to address this but our efforts to encourage individuals, user groups and relevant organisations to come forward and join the committee always seem to fall on deaf ears.

2013/14 has been a year of ups and downs starting with the rejection of our application to Viridor for grant funding for resurfacing our crumbling car park. As a result we had to undertake significant patching repair and hope this allows us time to seek a more permanent solution.

In November we suffered our first burglary incident at the hall with theft of some important equipment and a fair bit of damage. It took a surprisingly long time and a great deal of effort from the committee to fully recover from this event. More recently, along with the surgery and Catcott School we suffered a criminal damage graffiti attack which thankfully we've been able to rectify ourselves.

The hall continues to provide a great venue and resource for our community and we're proud that we have so many well attended regular events. We've had some great films for our Film Night cinema and Village Voices choir continues to be well attended. The panto, Mother Goose, was a great success and earned the hall some much needed revenue.

As well as covering running costs our revenue from events allow us to make improvements. We've now completed main hall lighting upgrade, improved our film projection equipment, crockery and fixed our 'dodgy' car park safety barrier.

Our hard working Management Committee is particularly grateful for the continued financial support of Edington Parish Council and the parishioners who volunteer readily when help is needed.

*Peter Holt, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Cttee.*

## **JAF LUTTRELL MEMORIAL CHARITY**

The Charity (not to be confused with the Luttrell Trust) was founded in 1898 by Mrs Luttrell of Edington Manor. It is designed to be of assistance to those who may be ill, in hardship or distress within the neighbourhood of Edington. Grants may be awarded in kind or may be money grants and are in confidence.

As in previous years the trustees continue to be proactive by advertising locally to seek out people and organisations who may benefit under the conditions laid down.

The charity continues to support the exercise class for cardiac rehabilitation. Grants have been given for transport, heating and house maintenance. Educational grants have been given for individuals taking part in the World Challenge and attending residential camps. The Trustees meet twice yearly and all applications need to be with the Clerk in good time to be included, enabling Trustees to portion the assets to the best advantage. In an emergency, applications can be considered at other times. As a general rule cut off times are the end of February and the end of September. If you live in the vicinity of Edington and would like to be considered for help or know of someone who might benefit from the Charity's assistance, then please talk with one of the Trustees or apply in writing to:

Mrs Agnes Auld, Clerk to the Trustees,  
West Close, Church Road, Edington, Somerset, TA7 9JT

The next meeting is scheduled for mid October 2014

Report to Edington and Catcott Parish Council Annual General Meeting  
by Catherine Andrews, Edington Parish Council representative. May 2014

## EDINGTON SCHOOL ROOM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### **Chairman's Report for the year 2013 / 2014 given at the Annual General Meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

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#### **School Room Usage**

This is my sixth Chairman's Report and I believe I can say that the past twelve months have been positive with regard to our obligations to the Charity.

The building continues to be in good order, and has not required much in the way of maintenance over the year.

It is true that the number of booking for the room's use extensive, but again we are very grateful for the regular gathering of WOTO ladies, the Parish Council, and the those occasional users, who make it so worthwhile for us to do the task we do...! We again welcomed the Catcott School Children for their annual and traditional visit.

In support of the income from lettings, the Management Committee has a number of fund raising events during the year. The regular monthly Coffee Mornings incorporating a book swap and Police Surgery continue to be well supported, and in June this was expanded for an exhibition, "Intertestin' Edington." All these events raise a modest but important income, as does the Winter Warmer held in January this year.

I believe these opportunities for local people to meet and converse and immensely important in village life, and my thanks go to all the Committee Members and others, who give their time and energy to all these events.

Not all activities are concerned with raising funds, and the Management Committee continued support for the Edington & District History Group. The occasional Talks sponsored by the Group are well attended and appreciated.

I can do no better than repeat my appreciation of previous years of those who are always willing and enthusiastic in giving their time and energy to our Committee work, plus the special tasks that necessarily have to be done on a frequent basis. This year has been no different and as Chairman, I very much appreciate this support.

In addition, my thanks go to Mrs. Auld for keeping an eye on our front garden and planting bulbs, and to Mr. Bassi for carrying out maintenance work as it arises.

Finally, I repeat my comments of last year in that I believe the Management Committee continue to meet the aims and objectives of the Charity's purposes to maintain and preserve the building for the benefit and use of the community.

John Rigler  
Chairman, ESR  
6<sup>th</sup> April 2014

## County Councillors Annual Report

We have had another year dominated by the weather with the “once in 100 years rainfall” for the second year in a row.

I would like to thank the Parish Council for all their help and tolerance shown to our Highways staff who have been working , in some cases on 18 hr shifts, to deal with the flooding issues. This has inevitably meant that regular maintenance issues have not been given the usual priority. We have also now got new highways contractors ( Skanska) who have replaced WS Atkins which has also led to , in some cases, more than usual delays. On a more positive note the Government have given the CC so far £23m to help the Council to make Somerset more flood resilient. This money will be spent, to a large degree, on resurfacing the roads which have again taken a terrible battering over the winter. The CC have also found an extra £200k to help Parish Councils with small joint drainage schemes.

In my division Superfast Broadband is being rolled out with an investment from the Council of over £10m. The Council has now a record Capital Programme of over £430m ( with no new borrowing) and we have again frozen Council Tax for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row. We continue to make the CC more able to cope with the ever increasing demand on Social Care and School places and this will, inevitably, mean that more difficult savings targets face us over the next few years. Our aim is to make the Council self sufficient i.e not dependent on Government revenue funding within 5 years.

I have enjoyed representing the Parish Council’s interests at the CC and look forward to a drier next year!

David Huxtable



As you know the Catcott Educational Charity is, in principle, supposed to be amalgamating with the Mary Godfrey Charity. You are aware of the numerous problems we had closing our NSI Account [due to the fact they no longer wanted to deal with small Charities and small amounts of money]. It took ages for us [Trevor Davis and myself] to set up a bank account with NatWest. That is now up and running but still no meeting arranged to dish out some money for books for the school. No surprises there!!!!!! In confidence, I get the distinct impression that rather like myself, Trevor is totally fed up with dealing with such a small sum of money and wasting so much time and effort.

I do not envisage anything being done by way of a Meeting before the Annual Parish Meeting. Therefore we will in effect have nothing to report to the Parish Council. Peter will probably report that it is anticipated that the Catcott Educational Charity will eventually amalgamate with the Mary Godfrey Charity. He might mention that the other very small Charity [funds held by Mrs Barnett] have never responded to requests to amalgamate.

So, to summarise, if anybody asks you if you have received a report then the short answer will be no but you understand that the Mary Godfrey and the Catcott Educational Charity are hoping to have a meeting to discuss the possibilities of amalgamating.

## **Edington & District History Group**

### **REPORT to CATCOTT PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **Annual General Meeting May 2014**

The Chairman

You have invited the Edington & District History Group to provide a Report to your meeting following a further year of activity by the Group. Thank you for the opportunity.

The Group initiated a survey of 'members' around the turn of the year, to gauge support and interest for future direction. Results were discussed at an open General Meeting on Mar 31, resulting in the establishment of an 8-strong Steering Group, with a remit to run regular meetings for 10 months of the year, with an invited speaker at least every other meeting. A separate bank account will also now be set up for the Group, keeping finances distinct from those of the Edington School Room.

Three Talks of interest have already been hosted in 2014, to full attendance in the School Room each time – Avalon Marshes Landscape Partnership, by Tanya Camberwell, and Marc Cox on their experimental archaeology plans; Neil Tinckley from the South Somerset Archaeology Research Group, on garden finds and sites he has excavated; and Charles Davis with his WWII story.

A launch (electronic) Newsletter has been produced, and this is intended to be quarterly.

The Group archive collection continues to be housed in Edington School Room, for whose support and close association we are most grateful. Work on cataloguing the collection is ongoing, now over 950 entries. The Group holds stocks of a number of publications of local interest. After recent collaboration with Catcott Church Committee to publish an edition of "The story of Catcott Church", work has now started on Burtle Church.

The Group will also be involved in events later this year linked with the Great War commemorations.

The Group will shortly be looking to launch a new website, with links to (and from, please!) local parishes and other key organisations.

We appreciate and thank you for your continued support.

Phil Chaplin, Chairman, Edington & District History Group May 2014