**TIVERTON & TILSTONE FEARNALL**

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom

In attendance Councillor Ray Mould (in the Chair)

Councillors: R Cheshire, G Ibbotson, L Law, H Lightfoot, L Randles, A Sharma

Ward Councillor Mike Jones

4 members of the public

The Chairman apologised to the members of the public for the meeting being moved forward by a week. He explained that the legislation that allows Councils to meet digitally runs out on 7th May and so the meeting would have had to be held in public and it had been agreed by a majority that Council felt it was still too early to do this.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received from Police Community Support Officer Jon Hurst.

A report from PCSO Hurst will be delivered in the following Parish Council meeting.

**2. Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman read his Annual Report for year 2020 – 2021.

A copy will be forwarded to the Clerk.

**3. Open Forum**

The following matters were raised during Open Forum:

* It was reported that the blocked drain opposite April Cottage had been emptied and that it had been very full. There had been a discussion with the operative as to how often drains were emptied. He had stated that the contract was for once a year for every drain. However, if a drain causes specific issues, a request could be made for it to go on a priority list to be emptied at least twice a year. As this drain becomes blocked by soil when the fields are bare and this has caused severe flooding in the past it was suggested that Council ask for this drain to go on the priority list and that one of those emptying’s be around January / February time.
* There was comment on the size of some of the tractors that come through the village and their speed and that they cause damage to the grass verges particularly as they pass other vehicles.
* It was reported that the pothole outside Allery House had now been marked with white spray paint so hopefully repairs would be carried out very soon.
* It was reported that vehicles continue to park on the pavement outside Railway Cottages on the A49. PSCO Hurst was aware of this and, as it is an offence, will be speaking to the vehicles owners with a view to issuing penalty notices should it continue.
* It was pointed out that the change of meeting date meant a clash with the AGM of the gardening club. However, having heard the reasons why, the change was understandable.

**4. Date of Annual Parish Meeting 2022**

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting 2022 take place on Tuesday 10th May .

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.56 pm.

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