

**Exford Parish Council**  
**Draft Minutes of Parish Council AGM**

**Held on: 23rd May 2017 at Exford Memorial Hall 7.00pm**

**Attendance:** Mike Ellicott, Kathryn Tucker, Joan Atkins, Derek Lloyd, Brian Martin, Judy Skinner, Cllr. Steven Pugsley. Clerk: Jane Laycock.

**Apologies for Absence:** Jeremy Hickman, Cllr. Frances Nicholson.

**Members of the Public:** Anna Connell, David Garbett-Edwards, Barbara Pears, PCSO Bryan Stevens.

**Chairman's Report**

ME opened the meeting with a pause for thoughts for the victims of the recent Manchester atrocity. He then presented his Chairman's Report for the year (see attached).

**Local Policing Update**

PCSO Bryan Stevens reported that there have been no reported crimes within Exford Parish this year to date. He commented that we should be proud of this and also that the chances of being a victim of crime are considerably lower in this area than elsewhere.

Shed and outbuilding break ins are still happening around Exmoor although less than previously and of a lower value.

Illegal deer shooting continues to be a major local concern. The police have recently started a new joint operation between Avon and Somerset and North Devon Police in conjunction with other organisations. So far this has had positive results.

There are a certain number of people who misuse quad bikes. Police would like people to be aware that they are taking increased enforcement action in this respect.

ME raised issue of speeding traffic through the village. BS stated that the Speed Enforcement Unit comes to Exford but agreed it was not frequently enough. He suggested that the PC contacts the unit directly and emphasizes the need for more coverage, especially with a school at the bottom of Church Hill.

**Action.** Clerk to write to Speed Enforcement Unit.

**Approval of Annual Governance Statement**

Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (JL) presented the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 (section 1 of the Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2017) and confirmed that the independent internal audit was completed on 10 May 2017 by John Golding.

Approval proposed by DL, seconded by JA. Approved unanimously.

**Approval of Annual Statement of Accounts**

The Accounting Statements for year ended 31 March 2017 (section 2 of the Annual Return) were presented for approval.

Approval proposed by BM, seconded by DL. Approved unanimously.

JL stated that John Golding had declined any payment for undertaking the internal audit but requested that we make a payment to the Somerset Air Ambulance charity. Agreed unanimously to send a donation of £50.

**Action.** Clerk to send cheque.

### **Election of Officers**

The following officers were proposed and seconded:

Chairman	Mike Ellicott
Vice Chair and Planning Officer	Kathryn Tucker
Highways Officer	Jeremy Hickman
QEII Field Committee	Brian Martin (Deputy: Kathryn Tucker)
Village Hall Committee	Judy Skinner
All elected unanimously	

Henry Leigh Withypool Educational Trust - PC representative is currently Mike Ellicott (although ME stated that he may be resigning at the next Trust meeting).

Exford Housing Trust – PC Chair is usually a representative on the Housing Trust. Mike Ellicott confirmed he is happy to continue in this role.

### **Questions from the Public.**

None

BM thanked ME for all the work he has undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council this year.

AGM closed at 7.30pm.

