

DOWNEND AND BROMLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2019, 7.30PM,
AT BADMINTON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH
BADMINTON ROAD, DOWNEND, BRISTOL

Present:

Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Councillors: Mike Baker, Janet Biggin, Ben Burton, Holly Doyle, James Griffiths, Sharon Herniman, Jon Hunt, Colin Ogden, Sheila Ottewell, Martyn Poole and Raj Sood.

Angela Hocking (Clerk to the Council)

Approximately 50 members of the Parish

Apologies:

Received from Cllr Anita Woodburn and Elizabeth Shepherd (resident of the Parish).

Prior to the meeting residents were given the opportunity to meet with Parish Councillors. Financial records and accounts were made available for public inspection.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Ben Burton welcomed everyone to the Annual Assembly.

2. To receive and confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 26 April 2018

The Minutes were unanimously **AGREED** as a true and accurate record, and subsequently signed by the Chairman.

3. To receive a presentation from Councillor Ben Burton, Chairman of Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Council

Cllr Ben Burton provided an informative presentation outlining the work of the Parish Council over the last twelve months and its visions for the future.

4. Parish Champion Awards

Four Parish Champions were identified and certificates presented by Cllr Burton:-

- Cleeve Wood Road Shops (Business Category) - accepted by representatives from West 70 Photography and Cleeve Wood Pharmacy
- John Lockwood (Individual Category)
- Gary Smart (Individual Category)
- Ann Watts (Individual Category)

6. Questions and Answers

- Residents queried the future plans for the Co-Op car park. Cllr Burton explained that the Parish Council does not have direct responsibility for this, which is jointly owned and managed by London & Cambridge Properties and South Gloucestershire Council. Given the strength of feeling following the recent consultation, the newly

elected Parish Council will consider making representations to improve the car park generally (lining, visual appearance etc) and review how the car park is working overall. Residents suggested arranging a further meeting with London & Cambridge to progress matters in this regard.

Residents also raised concerns at -

- parking for allotment holders
 - parking when travelling to Southmead Hospital
 - parking for local workers
- Cleeve Wood Road shops have been unable to establish who owns the area of land opposite the shops. Identifying ownership would enable the area to be vastly improved.
 - Bromley Heath Neighbourhood Watch thanked the Parish Council for interacting with the local Neighbourhood Watch groups and the Police beat team by attending joint meetings at various times throughout the year.
 - It was noted that a Police surgery is held at Downend Library once a month.
 - Metrobus - Following a meeting with representatives from South Gloucestershire Council and residents, local transport initiatives are being explored.

Chair:

Date: