

BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**To be held in Braunton Parish Hall on
Wednesday, 30 April 2014 at 7:30pm**

AGENDA

- 1. Approve Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 April 2013.**
- 2. Receive Chairman's Annual report.**
- 3. Receive Police report.**
- 4. Present Parish Grants to Local Organisations**
- 5. Any other business raised by members of the public.**

G. P. Blackmore

**Councillor Mrs Elma Blackmore
Chairman, Braunton Parish Council**

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Parish Hall at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 24 April 2013

Present

Cllrs Mrs Spear in the Chair, Lord, Spear, Mrs Shapland, Mrs Woodford, Mrs Blackmore, Lucas, Mrs Chesters and Bonds.

Police: Inspector Roger Bartlett and PC Mark Langworthy.

21 members of the public.

Apologies

Received from Cllrs Mrs Smith and Gilbert.

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Spear, welcomed Councillors and members of the public and the Police to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 1 May 2012 were approved and signed.

Council Report

The Chairman Cllr Mrs Spear gave a report of Council activities over the past year. A summary of her report was included in the Annual Report and copies were available at the meeting.

Police Report

Inspector Bartlett introduced himself to those present. He had been in post since before Christmas when he took over from his predecessor Inspector Pete Sarney. Inspector Bartlett's area covers Braunton, Lynton and Lynmouth, Ilfracombe and South Molten. Braunton is also covered by PC Mark Langworthy who has been in post for the past 8-9 years and 2 Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Andy Frisby and Jo Carter.

Inspector Bartlett reported the annual crime figures for the past year. The Country's crime rates have been falling year on year. This year there was a 5% reduction in reported crimes across Devon compared with last year's figures (2200 less crime incidents). In the Braunton area there had been a 3.5% reduction in crime compared with the previous year 2011/12. During 2012/13 156 crimes had been reported the most prominent reported crime was criminal damage in the village. The police over the past 12 months have worked closely with the young people and street pastors to minimise local vandalism issues. The crime figures for 2012/13 also included 21 assaults, 32 thefts, 9 drug incidents and 29 domestic violence reports. The police are actively encouraging victims of domestic violence

to come forward and want to see the report rate go up in coming years, to ensure that the victims are getting support and the perpetrators are being dealt with.

Inspector Bartlett informed those present that last night a burglary had occurred in Braunton and £20,000 worth of bikes were stolen from a local retailer. Fortunately the bikes were later recovered near Muddiford and returned to the owner. The perpetrators are currently in custody.

Inspector Bartlett reported that it had been an extremely difficult year for local residents and businesses due to the floods that occurred on 22 December. Co-ordinating the emergency services during the floods had been one of the biggest challenges that he had faced during his career in the police force. He expressed his admiration how the community pulled together during this disastrous time. He was looking forward to working with the Parish Council and community in the future to further build community resilience and update the Community Emergency Plan.

Presentation of Parish Grants

The Chairman Cllr Mrs Spear presented parish grants to local organisations, attached as Appendix A.

Any Other Business

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

..... The Chairman