

**EDINGTON PARISH MEETING**

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
at 7.00pm in Edington School Room

- APM 17/18/1 **PRESENT:** Cllr Tilbury (in the Chair), 8 members of the public, DCllr McGinty (Leader of Sedgemoor District Council) and DCllr Kingham.
- APM 17/18/2 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Julia Marshall (Clerk to Edington Parish Council)
- APM 17/18/3 **WELCOME:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
- APM 17/18/4 **MINUTES** of the previous Parish Meeting were confirmed and signed.
- APM 17/18/5 **DCLLR MCGINTY** - Duncan came to talk to us and to answer any queries and questions anybody might have. He told us that SDC currently has about 400 members of staff (down from 950 about ten years' ago) but is still providing all the services. They receive about 12,000 telephone calls per month and receive 500 Freedom of Information requests per year. They deal with land searches within ten days, inspect restaurants and food retailers, deal with noise complaints and fly tipping amongst other things. The Council now seems to be perfectly formed and does not have the financial pressures so many suffer from. They are currently adjusting to changes and from 2019/2020 they will receive no Government funding. 75% of their income used to come from Government and this is now reduced to 25%. They have started some commercial companies and private renting is one of these. In answer to questions he said SDC has a small input into highways but would prefer to be more involved and want to employ their own highways engineer. Bridgwater is growing dramatically, particularly influenced by the development of Hinkley C. Traffic congestion is a current problem mainly resulting from Hinkley and a new jetty is being built ½ mile out into the channel which should ease the problems. There is a mitigation fund of £100m to assist with things such as double glazing and an additional £3m per year for community benefit. The cutbacks in County's provision and operating of local rubbish dumps as increased the amount of fly tipping the District has to cope with. However, SDC generally manage to clear all graffiti and fly tipping within 24 hours as leaving it only encourages more.
- APM 17/18/6 **PRESENT:** DCllr McGinty left the meeting.
- APM 17/18/7 **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT:** The Chairman of the Council gave a short report on the work of the Council over the previous year.
- APM 17/18/8 **PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNT:** The Clerk provided copies of the accounts for everyone these included the precept figures for the year so that a ready check could be kept on the situation. The Clerk and Chairman answered a few questions from the floor.
- APM 17/18/9 **OTHER REPORTS:** other reports provided included - JAF Luttrell Memorial Charity, The Village Hall, Edington and District History Group, Women on Their Own (WOTO), St George's Church, Neighbourhood Watch and Sedgemoor District Council.
- APM 17/18/10 **VILLAGE AGENT:** It was noted that the Village Agent's post is currently vacant.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman .....



Date .....

