

SOBERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Soberton Annual Parish Meeting held on
Tuesday 15th March 2022 in Soberton Village Hall

PRESENT: Mr J Hyland (Chairman), Mrs J Masterman (Vice-Chairman), Mr R Stranks,
Mrs A Turner, Mr S Marland, Mr D Cleeve & Ms R Cole

County Councillor: Patricia Stallard

District Councillors: Linda Gemmell, Frank Pearson, Vicki Weston

Members of the Public: 22

Mrs Liz Manship – Acting Clerk

01/22 INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked the County and District Councillors for their attendance. He explained that the Police were hoping to be present, but have had to forward last minute apologies.

The Chairman advised of the retirement of Jenny Clarke, the Clerk to the Parish, offering the Council's thanks for all she had offered throughout her time with the Council. He welcomed Liz Manship, Acting Clerk, offering cover until a new appointment could be made.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Duncan Colin-Jones to the meeting, who had kindly agreed to give a presentation on the Soberton Local History Society.

02/22 PRESENTATION FROM SOBERTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Mr Duncan Colin-Jones gave an extremely interesting and informative presentation about Soberton Local History Society. He paid tribute to the late Mary Burgess, Co-founder and Chairman for 25 years; together with Ann Pentred, Co-founder and the Society's Archivist.

Mr Duncan Colin-Jones talked through the many trips that the Society had enjoyed to points of historical interest near and far. He spoke of the current plans for the Sarcophagus at the Church. And offered a warm invitation to anyone with an interest who would like to attend their monthly meetings.

03/22 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman talked to his annual report, with key areas covered as follows: Open Spaces, War Memorials, The Parish Lengthsman Scheme, Planning, The Soberton Parish Design Statement (PDS), Traffic Management, Drainage, The Parish Council's Logo, The Big Jubilee Lunch, and Finance.

The Chairman's full report will be available on the Website, or a hardcopy can be requested from the Clerk.

04/22 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The Chairman thanked County Councillor Stallard and District Councillors Linda Gemmell, Frank Pearson and Vicki Weston for all their support over the

past year, which has been much appreciated. County and District Councillor Reports will be uploaded to the Parish Council Website. Hardcopies can be requested from the Clerk.

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Ukraine: A resident asked whether there had been any thought as to how the village could respond and support the Ukrainian refugees. The Chairman thanked the resident and advised that in the first instance the plan was to see the response from the County and District Council and then to get together as a group. C/Cllr Stallard advised that information has recently been published on the HCC website.

20's Plenty For Us campaign: D/Cllr Weston raised the 20's Plenty for Us campaign, which calls on HCC to recognise the benefit that pilot schemes have brought to local communities and to extend the 20mph speed limit in all residential streets across the county, including narrow residential rural lanes and town and village centres. The Chairman thanked D/Cllr Weston for raising this and advised that the Parish Council in principle support this indicative however, it was agreed that it would be difficult to apply to the Parish as we do not have a distinctive village centre or contained housing.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm with the Chairman thanking everyone for attending.