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## Shillingford Annual Parish Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31 May 2016

**Present:** Cllrs Carr (Chairman), Turner, Howard & Durrans, TDC Cllr Goodey & 8 members of the public present.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Parrott & Stamp & TDC Cllr Lake
2. **Declarations of Interest** –None
3. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Electors held on 11th May 2015** - Were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting
4. **Chairman's report for the year 2015/16** – Cllr Carr gave a summary of the past year, celebrating the community spirit and vibrancy within the parish. (copy attached).
5. **Officer's reports for the year: TALC** - Cllr Turner stated there was nothing to report. Meetings take place on a Thursday evening which makes it difficult to attend. TALC updates are circulated by email following each meeting and reported on by exception.

**Village Hall Committee** (Cllrs Carr and Stamp). Cllr Carr stated that the Village Hall was being used as a valuable community asset and was being hired regularly for events. The refurbishment of the kitchen continues to improve the venue and make it appealing to people considering holding events.

6. **Ideas for future projects** – Refurbishing the toilets in the village hall was discussed. It was felt that the possibility of grant funding should be pursued. Communal toilets with a separate disabled toilet is a successful arrangement in other parishes. A company in Newton Abbot called 'First Class' specialise in this type of refurbishment. It was agreed that some quotes would be obtained so that we know what we are aiming for in terms of fund raising. Cllr Carr to obtain quotes for the toilets to discuss with the village hall committee.

It was suggested that the purchase of a marquee would enable the community events without being weather dependent. The Parish Council does have funds available to spend to the benefit of the community. A sets of skittles for events was also suggested. The village hall committee felt that a marquee may make the village hall more attractive for hire for special occasions. Appropriate flooring/a dance floor could be considered for wedding receptions. It was agreed that a sensible size marquee needed to be decided on so that it is manageable for self erection. Cllr Carr to discuss with the village hall committee at their next meeting in July.

In the light of the National Lottery grant for the purchase of two defibrillators, the £200 donation from village hall committee should be returned with thanks. Proposed Cllr Carr. Seconded Cllr Howard

7. **Open discussion for parishioners** – No further matters were raised.
8. **Close - The meeting closed at 8pm**

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Chairman

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