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Shillingford St George Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall on
Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr P Barwell (Chair), Cllr P Wareham (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Parrott,
Cllr C Dummett, Cllr G Stephens
Cllr Kevin Lake (TDC), Maureen Adams (Clerk) and 26 members of the public.

026/24 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Councillor Wareham welcomed everyone to the meeting. An apology for absence had been received from Cllr Taylor.

Councillor Lake briefly addressed those present as he had to leave to attend another meeting, introducing himself as one of the Teignbridge District Councillors and inviting anyone with any queries or problems to contact him for help.

027/24 Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

028/24 Chairman's Report for the Year 2023-24

Cllr Barwell contrasted his joining the Parish Council which had involved persuasive "arm twisting" to the more appropriate method used in the recent recruitment of Cllr Stephens which was by application and interview. He thanked District Councillors Parrott and Lake for their continuing support and acknowledged the support he had received from Cllr Alan Connett and former Cllr Andy Swain in the past.

Cllr Barwell said he had worked with four Parish Clerks and commented that it was very helpful that the current clerk, Maureen Adams, lives within the Parish and he appreciated her cheerful approach to the role. Cllr Barwell continued his round up of the year by mentioning the passing of three Parishioners during that time, former Councillor Wilf Turner, long-term resident Marion Brooks and Revd Christopher Pidsley.

The Parish Council has received support from Teign Housing this year in connection with the parking problems at St George's Terrace and from Highways following a request for large vehicle warning signs to be placed at each end of Shillingford Lane. The Parish Questionnaire completed five years ago identified that the main cause of concern was the speed of vehicles travelling through the villages. Two speed cameras have now been installed and a mirror placed opposite the path to the church. The Annual Litter Pick was well attended and a clash of dates meant that Litter Pickers were able to join The Exchange for tea and cake once the work was done. Support has been received from the Environment Agency following heavy rain and flooding which threatened properties in Shillingford Abbot.

A project to produce a booklet of 1st World War Memories remains ongoing and this should be produced over the next year with the help of Jan Wood. Thanks to Chris Carr and his Grandson, Superfast Broadband is now available in the villages. The Village Hall remains a huge asset to the Community. Wifi has been installed and the hall is well used outside organisations as well as our Parish societies and groups. Open Door Cafe started by Daphne Crockford and Wendy Nelmes continues to provide an opportunity to meet and chat every fortnight. The Village Hall was the setting for our very successful Coronation Celebration.

Cllr Barwell closed by saying that his time as Chairman of the Parish Council has been a great experience and an opportunity to meet and get to know people.

029/24 **Councillor Stephens** – introduced Michelle Luscombe, Planning Policy Manager and Rob Kelley, Senior Planner from Teignbridge District Council who gave a presentation about the planned housing developments at Peamore and Markhams Farm as part of the Local Plan.

The Local Plan is currently being examined by a Government Inspectorate and adoption is expected in March 2025.

An outline of the presentation will be available on the website Shillingford.org.uk

Concerns raised by residents and discussed during the presentation included:

- The use of prime agricultural land as accessible green spaces
- The proximity of the Peamore development to the proposed Landfill site
- The “cut and fill” policy of using soil and demolition materials within the development site rather than removing it and whether this remains in the Teignbridge Local Plan – it does
- Traffic flow

Councillor Stephens thanked Michelle and Rob for attending and for their Presentation. He also highlighted the importance of the developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Shillingford in the near future. Rob Kelley expressed his willingness to support the Parish with this.

030/24 **Open Forum**
Questions and discussions had already taken place throughout the Presentation.

031/24 **Chairman's Remarks**
The Chairman thanked everyone for coming.

032/24 **The Meeting closed at 9.15pm**