



MINUTES OF ANNUAL SWIMBRIDGE PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 13th MAY at 7.00 PM

1. **Present** - Cllrs Liverton, King, Comerford, Crompton, Dennis, Rogers, Clarke and Singh and 9 members of the public
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.
3. **Chairmans Report**
 1. Glebelands application is still in abeyance – this will be discussed later in the PC Meeting
 2. Thanks to Cllr Tucker – he has attended more meetings than any other County Councillor – appreciation for his work. Also thanks to Cllr Luggar who has put in many hours off attendance despite there being other Council meetings on the same night.
 3. Dog Dins – Council has arranged installation of one more dog bin at the top of Station Hill, making 3 in total now in the village. There is new legislation which makes it an offence to allow a dog to foul anywhere.
 4. Thanks to all Councillors for their support over the last year.
4. **Parish Community Reports**
 - a) **Swimbridge Feoffees**

Mr Hayes reported that Relief in need had distributed Christmas gifts of plants and logs to 3 families, and pointed out that this fund is available to all parishioners, not just the elderly. The Education Foundation is for youngsters, and is funding 20 new bibles for the Primary School. There is also £25 available on application to finance studies or job training. Mr Hayes also gave his personal thanks to Mrs Patten for donating the logs.
 - b) **Swimbridge Twinning Association**

Mr Davies reported that the Twinning had had a successful year with fundraising events. The French twinners had visited recently, and a village dinner had been held at Filleigh Hall. The Twinning finances are healthy at the moment. Mr Davies gave details of the annual Safari Supper on 13th June.
 - c) **Swimbridge Parklands** report as attached.
5. **Matters Raised with the Chairman**
 1. There was a suggestion that a further dog bin should be installed in Hannaford Lane, but this had not been budgeted for, and will have to be considered carefully. Put on to next agenda.
 2. The Council was thanked for keeping the rates down, and a suggestion was made that when groups seek grants from the Parish Council, copies of their annual accounts should be requested.

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