



Martock Parish Council  
The Market House  
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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Martock Annual Parish Meeting which was held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 in the Parish Hall, Church Street, Martock at 6:30pm.

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**PRESENT:** Cllr John Hole (Chair), 8 Members of the Council and approximately 35 members of the public.

**Also Present:** Caroline Bennett (Seniors Support Co-ordinator) Natalie Fortt (Chief Executive), Naomi Gass (Community Support Co-ordinator), Lisa Whittle (Job Club Coordinator) and Somerset Councillor John Bailey.

### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Cllr Hole welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. MINUTES

No comments were received, so the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were accepted as a true record.

### 3. ANNUAL REVIEW 2023/2024

The Chair, Cllr Hole, presented his annual review, which is attached. The Chair also thanked all the local volunteers who give so much of their time to the village and highlighted the amount of wonderful clubs and societies in the Parish.

The Chair introduced the Community Team, who have been in place for 12 years and provide fantastic services for the vulnerable people in the Parish.

### 4. SERVICES REPORTS

#### a) Community Services Team

Job Club Coordinator, Lisa Whittle; Seniors Support Coordinator, Caroline Bennett; and Community Support Coordinator, Naomi Gass provided an overview of the valuable types of support they offer and the variety of activities available. The presentation is attached.

**b) Youth Service Provider – CYP**

Some of the Young People who attend the youth activities provided a wonderful presentation on the types of activities they have been involved with over the last year and the difference these activities have made. The presentation is attached.

**5. GRANTS**

A grant presentation took place for successful applicants to the Parish Council Community Grant fund. Grants were awarded to the Martock Scout and Guide Hall and the Martock Rovers Football Club.

**6. SOMERSET WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Cllr John Bailey stated how good it was to see so many people attending an Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Bailey also mentioned that Somerset Councillors were investigating the provision of Bus Shelters in response to the recent petition and encouraged everyone to use the buses whenever possible in order to help safeguard the service. The Somerset Councillors' report is attached.

**7. QUESTIONS**

Questions were then invited.

Q1: A question was raised regarding the progress with the Café at the Pavilion, as the Wayfarers are currently unable to hold their meetings there.

The Chief Executive stated that the Café was likely to be open in early June and she would ask the Operations Manager to contact the Wayfarers with an update the next day.

Q2: The Cricket Club raised concern over the condition of the Cricket building at the Recreation Ground and requested a meeting to discuss options on how to move things forward.

The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council would be happy to meet with the Cricket Club to discuss the issues.

As there were no further questions raised, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

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**CHAIR**

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**DATE**