

WIDECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
held in Church House, Widecombe
on Thursday 2 March 2023 at 7.00pm

Parish Councillors present: Councillor Elliott (Chair for this meeting), Bibby, Butcher, Edwards, Fenton, Jones, Partridge and Zab

Also present: County Cllr Gribble and District Cllr Nutley

Members of the Public: Two

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

APM2023.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllr Hassell
- Rob Steemson

APM2023.2 OPEN FORUM

A member of the public expressed concern about the state of the roads. He was referred to County Cllr Gribble.

A suggestion was made that the Parish Council might commence its meetings at 8pm. Councillors considered that this was too late and a preference was expressed for 7.30pm.

Cllr Elliott advised that Widecombe General Stores are struggling and are at risk of closing due to lack of business. She asked whether the Parish Council could do anything to encourage people to shop there. Deliveries, tasting events, niche products etc were suggested as ways of boosting business. Cllr Partridge has also informed a DNPA officer who helps with community shops and he has offered to make contact with them. It was agreed to make people aware that it is at risk by circulating something on the parish email.

Plans are afoot to celebrate the Coronation including a fireworks display on Saturday 6th May at 9pm. An afternoon tea is proposed for Sunday 7th. There will also be a Songs of Praise celebration in the Church on the morning of Sunday 7th May. Leusdon have also arranged a special coffee morning.

There being no further issues, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.28pm.

Signed:..... Dated.....