

## BROMPTON RALPH PARISH

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Brompton Ralph Village Hall

on Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 7.00pm

In attendance: Chairman Cllr John Elliott

Members of the Public: 2

Also in attendance: Somerset Council Cllr S Pugsley

Clerk to the Council: P Bainbridge

1. Chairman J Elliott welcomed those present to the meeting after a wait of 15 minutes in the event of further arrivals.

2. Chairman J Elliott circulated the minutes from the meeting held on 25th May 2023 and they were adopted as a true and correct record by those present.

3. Chairman J Elliott reported that the parish council had supported the following causes during the last year, including Wivey Cares and West Somerset Citizens Advice.

Wiveliscombe Community First Responders delivered a first aid and defibrillator training session at the village hall which was well supported.

The parish council is represented on the Exmoor Local Community Network (LCN) by a parish councillor and assisted by the Clerk.

The Parish Council vigorously opposed the removal of the post box from the centre of the village. The Parish Council was not opposed to the post box being removed from the old shop, but the fact that the post box was not relocated to The Triangle opposite because there are others nearby. The lack of a new post box now means people need to use their cars to post items.

Further support was given to the village with the Churchyard Maintenance Grant and to the Cricket Club for grass cutting. The Parish Council also gave a donation to Brompton Ralph's Community Christmas Party.

Cllr Mowat and the working group have consulted widely with the community on the SALC (Somerset Association of Local Councils) Wellbeing Grant on which work continues.

This concluded the Chairman's report.

4. To invite the public to raise any matters of interest and suggestions for future annual meetings.

- Reports of potholes were received.

- The state of Ashland Knapp Lane was again noted which is now rutted and eroded due to the water running down. This matter had previously been reported to Somerset Council by the Clerk, but no response has ever been received. The lane is classified as a road. SC Cllr Pugsley who was present suggested writing to the person directly concerned at Somerset Council. The Clerk will undertake to do this again.

Two further members of the public arrived.

5. With no further reports, questions or suggestions for next year's meeting, the meeting was closed by the Chairman, Councillor John Elliott, at 7.26pm.