Woodbury Parish Council

(serving Exton, Woodbury, and Woodbury Salterton)

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Annual Parish Meeting

8th April 2024 – The Church Rooms, Woodbury

Minutes

Attended: Cllrs Mrs. C. McGauley, R. Ball, J. Pyne, A. Wills, C. Hoar, Mrs. S. Cole, K. Perry, S. Parks, Mrs. S. Knighton, S. Andrews.
Residents - One
Apologies: Cllrs R. Parr, J. Trail, R. Scott, G. Jung, B. Ingham

1.	**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Annual Report for 2023-2024 was received and noted. Accounts: Summary of Receipts & Payments for year ending 31st March 2023 was received and noted. Accounts for 2023-2024 will be available later in the year. These are on our Parish Website, available from the Parish Office and published in the Woodbury News.
2.	**TO ACCEPT AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.** The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th April 2023 were found to be a true record, this was noted.
3.	**PARISH QUESTION TIME:** one resident was present. Matters arising; • Questioned the cost of the precept increase being so high 38.8%. Why by so much and for what purpose? The Chairman advised that this has also been raised by several residents; the % increase equates to 51 pence per week for a Band D property a total of £95.64 per year. It was explained that this Parish is the largest in East Devon District consisting of three villages who all have assets that require maintenance. The Parish Council manages and maintains three play parks, open spaces, two allotment sites, car park, toilets, hedge / grass cutting across the parish, have a network of footpaths, street scene items and Gulliford Burial Ground. This Parish Council provides grants to the Community and engages in partnerships with other organisations. Costs have gone up and a comprehensive maintenance programme is required for these assets to remain.

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In comparison to other similar Parish / Town Councils this Parish Council is compatible with several of the others charging between £100-£156 per year. Woodbury Parish Council always looks for Best Value and are mindful of the costs to residents especially with today's economic climate.

- Flower Street car park is a good facility. It would be helpful if Woodbury Primary school parents park in it when picking up their children. Currently some of the parking is dangerous to others.

District Councillor Report:
District Cllr Geoff Jung who is also the Cabinet member for Cast, Country and Environment submitted his report which the Clerk read out.
This included that EDDC are working with various landowners ,the EA and Stakeholders to protect the shoreline and cliffs.
The Coastal Management either "holds the line", a "managed retreat" or "does nothing", The Exe Estuary is of particular concern and long-term implications of a breach failure at Dawlish Warren are being investigated.
Country: Lower Otter was added to Mutters moor and pebblebed Heaths National Nature Reserve which is the highest accolade to a protected area.
Environment: river and coastal pollution, South West Water is performing poorly and only recently requiring planning authorities to condition applications with delayed occupation.
Recycling- new National Policies "bottle deposit schemes" and manufacturers responsibilities" and changing EDDC fleet from diesel to green power will change the streams, funding, and costs.
Local Plan, a further consultation will take place regarding Green Wedges, Clyst Valley Regional Park, and Coastal Protection Areas

Signed by Chairman: Date: