Minutes of the APM for Whitchurch Canonicorum North held on Tuesday April 11th at 7.30pm

Present Cllrs Joyce, Creed Castle and Johnson, DC Cllr Christopher and Mrs Christopher, Mr Carter and Mr and Mrs Roberts.

Cllr Joyce was elected as Chair proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Creed Castle.

Cllr Johnson took the minutes

Cllr Creed Castle gave a report on the Queens Jubilee of gifts of a signed scroll on Windsor Castle headed paper and photos of the Queen from the Queens Lady in Waiting for the children of the parish up to 18 years. 7 Jubilee Rowan trees were bought and given to each parish or hamlet in the CVPC area with a slate plaque.2 new notice boards have been purchased for Wootton Fitzpaine and Felicity’s Farm Shop,we have 9 notice boards throughout CVPC area. 2 new walker’s benches have been put at Loves Lane and Peters Gore, Fishponds.

Residents are reminded that they can go on the CVPC electronic list for updates on road closures, accidents etc. Let the Clerk know your email address.

Playground – minor repairs and refurbishment are taking place. Dale is going to repaint the cockerel springer when weather allows, 2 activity boards and 6 steeping stones are to be purchased and Playquest, the company that put the play equipment in 2020 as part of the Millenium celebrations are being asked to do a thorough check on the equipment and quote to come and look at the equipment for the future use. Photos are being sent and a quote will come back and ideas of improvements, as some of the equipment is showing signs of age and ware.

Climate Change and Working Party report. 3 working party days have been had on the riverbanks. 3 river walks and 12 local residents are trained as river water monitors. A very successful evening talk by 3 different speakers was held at Wootton Fitzpaine with 70 people in attendance. Subjects like pollution from septic tanks and flea collars, dog wormers made interesting listening of the effects on rivers and waterways.

Cllr Joyce explained the role of parish councils on planning issues and land ownership with regards to the Well House which has been maintained by CVPC for 30 years or more. Mr Carter asked if the glass could be cleaned to allow people to look into the Well House and if he could have a key at some stage.

Potholes- Cllr Christopher gave an update on the state of Berne Lane and said capitol works were due to start May 9th but it had been a long process to sort out with the owners of the caravan site. Road problems should be reported on the DC website or to Cllr Simon Gibson, Dorset Road Surfaces.

Coronation Celebrations – Cllrs were asked if the CVPC were organizing any events but each village does their own celebrations. WC has a Hymn’s and Pimm’s on May 7th 11am in the Church, but so far no other celebrations had been organized and a lack of interest was blamed after the Diamond Jubilee last year.