REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AS SUBMITTED

BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

FOR THE MAY 2016 MEETING

On behalf of the Parish Council, Mr Clive Arthey, the Chairman, reported that the Parish Council elections were held in May 2015, with six councillors re-elected and one vacancy. The vacancy was filled by co-option and the Council welcomed Mark Hainsworth to the Parish Council.

We were not able to record significant public attendance at our regular meetings until the issue of better broadband was on our agenda, we then had a very good turnout showing how important it is to many in the village. We were made aware of the different options for a better service for the village including a presentation for a wireless service from County Broadband. As a Parish Council, we supported further investigating the wireless option, but with the likely cost far higher than required. We thank a resident for receiving and collating the various pledges and for her continued work with County Broadband. Her report will be submitted to the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council for information and updates will be provided as and when available.

I would like to thank our County Councillor, James Finch and our District Councillor, Bryn Hurren for their attendance and written reports, often both! Whilst we do not expect them to dominate our proceedings, we very much appreciate their involvement and for keeping us informed of how our Council Tax is being spent.

Thanks also to all of the Parish Councillors for giving their time and commitment to supporting and enhancing our community, and to our Clerk, Vicky, who ensures our Parish Council is fully compliant and functions properly and smoothly.