

# DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL



## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2019**

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Downton Parish Council held in the Main Hall of the Downton Memorial Centre on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 7 pm.**

The meeting was attended by 23 members of the public. Seven members of the Parish Council together with the Clerk and Unitary Councillor Richard Clewer of Wiltshire Council were also present.

Mr Angus MacPherson, Police & Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire & Swindon and Acting Inspector John Hutchings of Wiltshire Police attended as guests.

Cllr Dave Mace, Chairman of the Parish Council, presided.

**Welcome and Apologies:** The Chairman welcomed Councillors, guests and members of the public to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cornell and Gentle.

**Guest Speaker:** Mr Angus MacPherson gave a detailed report on his work as the Police & Crime Commissioner and the work of the police in Wiltshire.

Following his report, he responded to numerous questions from members of the public and councillors with the assistance of Acting Inspector John Hutchings on the questions relating to police operations.

Cllr Mace thanked Mr MacPherson and Acting Inspector John Hutchings for their report and their responses to questions.

Mr Nigel Walker, Co-ordinator of the Downton Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, gave a brief report on the work of the Neighbourhood Watch group, its work with other local Neighbourhood Watch groups and their communication with and actions to support the work of the police. He encouraged those present to help with the spreading of the word on extending the neighbourhood watch scheme to all areas of the village.

Cllr Mace thanked Mr Walker for his report. He said that Downton Parish Council would be able to fund 50 percent of the cost of neighbourhood watch signs in each of the roads in the parish.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Sutcliffe, seconded by Cllr Cordell and agreed by the meeting.

**Chairman's Report:** Cllr Mace read out his detailed Annual Report to the meeting and thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their work over the last year.

**Questions and Comments:**

As there were no further questions, Cllr Mace thanked everyone for attending the Annual Parish Meeting and it closed at 8.10 pm.