

**MINUTES OF THE TEDBURN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2024 AT 8.30 PM**

Present: Chair Cllr L Taylor, Vice Chair Cllr J Putt and Cllrs. H. Trump S. Rodda, K. Wilson, T. Woodley and J. Dixon

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence.** Cllr Moody (illness), Cllr Cole (vacation)
2. **Chair's overview of the year.**

It has been a fairly active year for the Parish Council with currently nine councillors and one vacancy. Sub Committees have been set up for the Cemetery/ Little Chapel and a Village Infrastructure Committee.

The Millenium Orchard Group have been meeting but have yet to set terms and conditions to become a committee.

Cemetery – a tidy up of the cemetery took place removing fallen branches, dead flowers etc. Quotes have been obtained to create more space down the right-hand side of the cemetery by making the hedge thinner and moving the water pipe. We are hoping at the same time to install a new easily accessed stopcock for when the water needs to be turned off in very cold weather. Currently it is in the road which is hazardous for those who need to access it.

We are also hoping to create some parking spaces with room to turn so that vehicles do not have to reverse out onto the road.

Little Chapel – the History Society continue to use this building. Some maintenance is required to deal with woodworm in panels and securing slates. The trees around this have been tidied so are not touching the roof. The area at the rear of the Chapel has been cleared and tidied.

A Cream Tea and Christmas Carol Service was held and funds raised will go towards any improvements. One possibility being to install some kind of insulated floor to make the building more useable.

Millenium Orchard – some damage to the surface of the playpark was repaired with help of an insurance claim. The equipment has been cleaned and is regularly checked. Following the very wet summer when teenagers moved the bench table under the trees, it was decided to look at how we can develop the area for users of all ages. Consequently, a covered bench has been ordered to be securely installed near to the playpark. Grants are being looked at with a view to the possible purchase of a second covered bench, slabbed area between, access path and waste bin to create an inviting space. The area is monitored by members of the Millenium Orchard group.

Infrastructure Committee – this group has been created to look at the infrastructure of the village. This will include development, water supply, drainage, public transport, road safety and traffic management. Due to the problems that occur when the A30 is closed, a public consultation may be considered to ascertain what could be done to improve traffic flow through the village, particularly the centre. Road safety warning signs may be considered. Safety signs for Horse riders are being purchased to be placed in areas thought to be hazardous. Signs for Pedestrians are also being considered where people have to walk in areas without footpaths.

The Clerk meets regularly with the Highways Officer to look at problems with the roads. It is clear however that funds for repairs are very limited and members of the public should report potholes etc on the Devon County Council website.

Councillors completed a Planning Webinar which provided a useful insight into the Planning process.

The Council undertake to look at all planning applications prior to meetings and visit sites as deemed necessary.

All Council documents and minutes are available to see on the Parish Council Website.

If anyone has any issues they feel the council can help with, or ideas to improve the village, please contact the Parish Clerk or speak to any councillor.

3. **Questions and any other issues from the public.** None raised