

## **Minutes of the Tedburn St Mary Annual Assembly held at Tedburn St Mary Village Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

Present: Present: Chair Cllr L. Taylor, Vice Chair Cllr J. Putt and Cllrs, K. Wilson, , S. Rodda, C.Stacey, H. Trump. Three members of the public present. Attending. Clerk – J. Clark

### **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

- 1. Apologies and reasons for absence.** Cllr Dixon and Cllr Woodley.
- 2. Chair's overview of the year. Cllr L Taylor reports. Chair's Report 2024 – 2025**

Firstly, a huge thank you to all the effort and work from Councillors during the past year. We have for the first time in many years, got a full Council, thanks to Clive Stacey joining us recently and Lesley Cole returning after a short break.

It certainly has been a full-on year, with our committees working to achieve their objectives. Overall of this has been the Teignbridge Local plan, with myself, James Gibbs and Renee Smythens attending some of the hearings, the only parish council to challenge the criteria. However, as we know, the Government is putting pressure on councils to build new homes, and despite our village meeting the criteria for a maximum of 27 new homes, the District Council have decided that we should have 40. We plan to work with the site promoter to achieve what is best for the community.

Around the parish:

**Millenium Orchard** – the surface is to be repaired again due to more problems. The committee have discussed future plans after a meeting with some users. Solar lights have been put on the covered seating pod, to give some light at night, and the pod is being well used. Plans are going ahead to install a second pod and slab the area to create a square. Slabs are being donated by Mr Taylor. An apple juicing session was held, and children collected apples from the trees which were then pressed into juice thanks to Jemima Gladwell.

**Cemetery and Little Chapel** – the hedge has been taken back and new water pipe sited under the central path, which has created many more plots. This should be sufficient for many years. The first tidy-up of the cemetery took place recently, thanks to members of the public who helped. Further tidy-ups are planned. The work to create parking spaces and turning area should be starting soon. The necessary work to the trees and bushes was completed.

Thanks to the History Society for their upkeep of the Little Chapel. Karen and Colin Wilson are gradually replacing the floor covering and putting more insulation. Secondary glazing has been added to the windows, but further work to the ceiling and roof space is yet to be completed. A successful Cream Tea and Carol Service events were held and will be repeated this year.

**Infrastructure committee** – the main aim during that past year has been to respond to the Teignbridge Local Plan. Three of us have now attended Neighbourhood Plan training with the aim to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish, which will give us more power over future development, and other benefits, with the support of the Parish Council. The next step is to meet and get things rolling. A grant is available to help with the public consultations and any professional input. A steering group will need to be formed comprising of those with the drive an expertise to complete the process, which is quite involved and has many steps.

**Pathfinder and Woodlands** – the Community Garden at Pathfinder was created thanks to financial support from Devon County Council, the National lottery and locals, and was opened by Jerry Brook. It was very well attended. Further work on the Woodlands west-bound bus stop was planned but the clerk has discovered that it is the responsibility of Highways, who are now involved with the project.

Our clerk has worked exceedingly hard during the past year with the IT support of Councillor Dixon whose knowledge and expertise is invaluable. Many thanks to them both.

During the next year, we will continue to work to achieve the best for our community, but to do this we often need the help of local volunteers, so please help if you can.

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