

**Newton Poppleford and Harpford Annual Parish Meeting notes held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30pm in the village hall under the Chairmanship of Cllr H Jeffery (Chair of the Parish Council)**

**Apologies:** - were received from Cllr Cook, D Jeffery, Mark Ward and Haylor Lass.

**In attendance:** - D G Atkins (Clerk), Cllr Potter (DC) and Cllr Channon (CC).

**Annual report** - Copies of this were distributed it was noted it would be placed on the website with other reports, copies attached to minutes of the Parish Council and Parish Magazine. The Chairman highlight some main points.

**Village Hall report** - This was read to the meeting by the Clerk due to the absence of Cllr D Jeffery, Chairman of the Management Committee and the set of accounts were tabled for all present.

**Pavilion Report** – The Clerk presented the report as written by the Manager, David Zirker along with who was unable to attend with a tabled set of provisional figures.

**County Cllr** – Cllr Channon read from her prepared observations, copies supplied to the Clerk attached to these notes (see questions).

**District Cllr** – Cllr Potter read from his prepared observations highlighting aspects thereof.

**Questions** raised Shan Merritt on pot holes especially in respect of Venn Ottery, Elmside, Elliots Farm, Coly Head Farm. Cllr Channon would have a look and report to the Officers.

On the matter of Farthings Lane upgrade, it was noted this was to be funded through the Local Transport Fund, a bit was to be presented to the Hatoc Committee in October with a view of a bid to government for the funds. In respect of 106 Funding, this was a separate matter and is dealt with by EDDC and tied to a planning application. It can only be for footpath No. 1 which carries on from Farthings Farm to the School.

Mr Swann enquired if any concrete plans were available yet in respect of the School re-build. The owner said ‘Not yet’.

The Back Brook bridge is under the control of South West Highways who are seeking an alternative contractor.

**Geoff Tenney in respect of World War 1** – Mr Tenney said it was hoped the Parish Council would get involved.

He also raised the matter that a lot of village people are doing good work in the Parish and it was considered by Members of the History Group that they should receive some recognition of appreciation in the form of a certificate or some other way found. He also raised the problem of grass cutting of verges with reference to the road to Budleigh Salterton and Knowle to East Budleigh, Cllr Channon said it had been partly cut that very day.

Barry Easter reported that the Ring and ride Service now had 7 people from the village using it regularly. The proceedings drew to a close and a 5 minute break was given between the next meeting.