

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 6th April 2021 via Zoom

Present: Peter Tyzack (Chairman) and Jonathan Edwardes (Parish Clerk)

Also present: Alex Smith, Carol Woodhouse, Celia Beales, Heather Rickards, Ian S Roberts, Jackie Chapman, Jacqs Graham, Jill Roper, Kevin Weeks, Mike Pruett, Olga Taylor, Patrick Jackson, Richard Edwards, Robert Griffin, and Sue Binns

Apologies: None

Chairman: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting explaining that this is an opportunity for residents to speak about any topic they wished.

Dog Bins: Mr Jackson requested more dog bins in the parish.

Severn Vale Festival: The festival will not be happening in 2021 due to the pandemic a smaller event will be held called "Breakout of lockdown" in July 2021. It is hoped that a large festival will be possible in 2022.

Northwick tower Two Northwick residents are concerned about the future of Northwick tower. Olga Taylor spoke to the meeting about the survey she undertook in 2020 the majority opinion is that the tower should remain in public ownership and being maintained properly. The Clerk has been looking at available grants to get work undertaken on the tower. The clerk explained the top figure quoted was in the region of £80,000 but he does not expect it to come anywhere near that amount the cost is more likely to be in the region of £40,000 pounds or possibly lower. A variety of opinions were expressed. The majority feeling from the meeting is that the tower should be kept and efforts redoubled to secure available grants. The suggestion was made that Northwick residents could help secure the tower by forming a group to help look after it. Consideration should be given to splitting work into smaller projects. The Parish Council are to take away this issue for the September meeting.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 7:30 PM