

# PETROCKSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Baxter Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
April 2017 at 8pm.

Councillors present: I Fisher (Chair), J Harris (Vice Chair), J Jeffs, D Kelsey,  
B Cameron, A Hunkin, M Busby, DCllr R Wiseman, PCSO Baker,  
Clerk F Lowe. 22 parishioners

1. **Apologies of absence.** Apologies received from County Cllr A Boyd who sent a message thanking the Councillors for the terrific job they are doing, hoping that he will be able to continue supporting the Parish as its County Councillor, and wishing the Council all well for the future.”
2. **Presentation by Richard Haste, Torridge Waste, Recycling & Public Protection Manager at TDC.** He thanked the Council for inviting him and explained that TDC is trying to find a permanent solution since SMR went into liquidation in 2015, collections currently covered by in-house and agency staff. The aim is for 50% recycling by 2020, it is currently 42/43%. He explained the variations with the Seasons, and within distinct locations but the aim is for all recycling to be collected in one container, and separated at the roadside. The current scheme is not financially viable and we are the only district still getting weekly black bag collections. ND is trialling 3 weekly. Proposed - from June 2018 weekly recycling (to include more plastics); weekly food waste (23 & 7 litre caddies); fortnightly black bag; chargeable fortnightly garden waste. The consultation period is over and concerns are being addressed but it is not possible to please everyone. TDC will communicate well in advance of implementation. He then took questions from parishioners and distributed recycling boxes and bags.
3. **Police Report.** PCSO Baker had to leave early so gave her report next. Since 1<sup>st</sup> January there have been 8 logs – 1 assistance, 2 information, 1 assault, 1 stolen tractor, 3 relating to the cannabis growing and seizure. She went on to explain that the Police will be remaining at the Station in Torrington; they are currently 1 Sergeant, 2 PC’s (2 vacant positions for PC’s) and 3 PCSO’s although 1 is leaving. All PCSO’s have been encouraged to seek alternative employment as they will be replaced with Neighbourhood Beat Managers soon.
4. **Chairman’s Report.** The Chair read out a prepared report which is attached to these minutes.

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5. **Parish Group Reports.** Several reports (as attached) were given including Gardening Club, Heritage Group, Church, Newsletter, Ladies Group, Cricket Club, Art Group and Baxter Hall. There was a discussion about the variety of activities available in the village, mentioned were Skittles and Musical Movement. DCllr Wiseman gave a brief report explaining the changing boundaries, the Local Plan and relocation of some TDC departments.

Mrs A Tomkins thanked Cllr Fisher and the Council for organising the evening and parishioners agreed. There then followed refreshments.

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