

**MINUTES OF SPARKFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2024 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Mr L Piper – Chair, Mr K Flood, Mr D Hazell, Mr A Quick, Mr R Squires, Mr T Tuck, Mr D Westwood
In attendance: Mrs L Davis, Cllr Henry Hobhouse, 15 members of the public

- 1 Welcome by the Chair**
Larry Piper welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 Parish Council Accounts 2023-24**
The accounts were circulated in advance of the meeting.
- 3 Somerset Councillors report – Henry Hobhouse / Kevin Messenger**
Cllr Henry Hobhouse reported that Wessex Water would be undertaking works to address the issues on the High Street. There are now eight monitoring devices on the River Cam. Henry explained that the costs of Adult Social Care and Children’s Services mean that everything else is being squeezed.
- 4 Sparkford Parish Council report – Larry Piper**
Larry Piper presented his report.
- 5 Reports by each of the following groups:**
 - a) **Playing Fields Association** The Parish Clerk read a report on behalf of the Playing Fields Association.
 - b) **Parish Hall Committee** Trevor Tuck presented the report.
 - c) **Sparkford Church - St. Mary Magdalene** Andy Voysey presented the report.
 - d) **Sparkford Copse Trust** The Parish Clerk read a report on behalf of the Sparkford Copse Trust.
 - e) **3rd Sparkford Scouts and Camelot Harriers Explorer Group** The Parish Clerk read a report on behalf of 3rd Sparkford Scouts and Camelot Harriers Explorer Group
 - f) **Sparkford Cricket Club** Will Reeves presented the report.

The meeting closed at 7.57pm