

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR QUIDHAMPTON HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present            Howard Rowley (Chairman, QPC)  
                      Bea Tilbrook (Newsletter and WW1 project)  
                      Ken Taylor (QPC and Floodwarden)  
                      Viv Bass (QPC, Village hall and Dementia champion)  
                      Richard Mullett (QPC)  
                      John Cater (Village hall, VE fund and CEV)  
                      Hannah Kimmell (2Quidy club)  
                      Gervase Clifton Moore (100 Club)  
                      Sandra Smith (Poppy project)  
                      Jennifer Tyler (village hall)  
                      Sabine Dawson (village hall)  
                      Pauline Church (Wiltshire Council Cllr)  
                      Clare Churchill (Clerk and CSW)

### Apologies

                      Paul Cripps (QPC and website)  
                      Sallie Davies (QPC)  
                      Charles Frank (QPC)  
                      Ron and Sylvia Smith  
                      Steve and Joy Wagstaff  
                      Clive and Maureen Goff  
                      Rev Woodley (Vicar of Bemerton Parish)  
                      Alun Richards (Bemerton St John Primary school)  
                      Hannah Brown (2 Quidy Club)  
                      PC Matt Holland and PCSO Nicola Clarke (Wiltshire Police)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.05pm

1.       **Welcome** by the Chairman of the Council:  
          Howard Rowley welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.       **Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting** held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017. These have been circulated and displayed on the notice board.  
          The Minutes dated 17/05/2017 were taken as read and approved as a true record of the meeting.
3.       **Quidhampton Parish Council.** – Howard Rowley read the following report;  
          Over my tenure as Chair of the Parish Council we, as a group of unpaid volunteers, have overseen improvements to the upkeep and infra structure within Quidhampton, some changes are noticeable, some not as well publicised. As I see it the Parish Council role is to:  
          Represent the views of all villagers on local matters, ranging from such activities as getting highways to paint yellow lines to supporting the upkeep of the village hall and a mass of projects in between.  
          We invest the small amount of funds we get each year into village projects and activities, as just one example, you may not have noticed we have a new noticeboard by the pub; the last one was retired very recently. A second noticeboard has been given to the village hall to put up for village notices. Thank you to Rich for the refurbishment.  
          We work very hard to find additional funding to improve facilities within the village, some of these projects you will hear about tonight.

We receive updates from Wiltshire council and the police so that we can react to issues concerning Quidhampton residents.

We attend meetings such as Highways and SWWAB (South West Wiltshire Area Board) to get the local picture and have the chance to influence local decision making.

I would like to highlight a few of the things we have done this year as there is not time for everything and give you a flavour of where our focus lies over the next few years.

We persuaded Wiltshire Council to introduce the 20mph speed limit which has needed reinforcing as the not everyone complied with the speed change. You will see a dedicated group of villagers who are working within the Community Speedwatch scheme. We have also joined up with other local parishes to purchase a SID, the speed indicator device which flashes the speed, which we hope will be delivered soon. As this is being shared it will only be in the parish for a few weeks but research has shown they are more effective if moved around rather than permanent., the CSW team have been very effective in reducing vehicle speeds and making it safer to walk at the side of the road.

We are working very closely with the village hall committee to save the fabric of the building. We contributed half the costs for a full structural survey and have made financial contribution towards care and upkeep. As an example, anyone who attended Saturday's Royal Wedding celebration would see why we need to keep the village hall going.

We organise an annual litter pick up and thanks to the great support of the parishioners, it's a resounding success. This year we removed everything from sweet papers to a kitchen sink.

What can the village look towards in the immediate and long term future? November this year will start with the village fireworks but the biggest event to hit this village will be the Armistice day commemorations on November the 11<sup>th</sup>. Planning is being finalised to commemorate and reminisce about the involvement of the village in the Great war, the PC have played only a very small part so far but we will be stepping up to make this a very special occasion. Tonight you will hear from the team behind this project.

The long term vision and where the PC is very active is attempting to provide a defibrillator in the phone box and making improvements to the village playground. For the defibrillator the PC will be working with a charity that specialises in converting village phone boxes into defibrillator stations, the PC are contributing to the initial costs and committing to a long term financial commitment. Thanks to Viv Bass for driving this forward.

The major project for the next year is upgrading the village playground. The last upgrade occurred (we think) in the 1980's and this current PC will be working very hard to give Quidhampton a play area we can be proud of. The PC has been squirrelling money away for the last couple of years and we are now in a position to apply for grants to raise the total sum required to make the changes. Led by Ken Taylor, the PC is investigating every possible grant Ken has identified and will be pushing extremely hard to raise the capital required. The PC has improved the fencing around the playground but we have so much to do to make it an acceptable space for our children.

Finally, I am grateful to the hard working team of Parish councillors who put a lot of unseen work and time into their unpaid duties to make Quidhampton tick and to Clare for her control, guidance but mostly her restraint of my over enthusiasm. Each one of these people has those special and sometimes unique attributes that helps make the parish council function.

4. **Community Police Report** – the following report had been received from the CPT. Apologies had been received from the Community Police Team, they wish to remind everyone to sign up to the community messaging service.
5. **Councillor Mrs P Church Wiltshire Council** – Speeding is always an issue, has tried to get the police to enforce.

Salisbury is taking priority

Wilton Parkway – 2<sup>nd</sup> part of feasibility study didn't give the resuted hoped for, rather too grand and the cost would be £30million, have asked for a second cost option based on ramps rather than a lift and unmanned.

The village hall has been registered as a asset of community value.

Update on Salisbury – the Maltings will open shortly (it has been handed back to WC), work continues on the pub and restaurant. WC has managed the situation since late March, now working on rebranding.

Cllr Church has been appointed to WC Cabinet with responsibility for Economic Development and Salisbury Recovery.

Question – any thoughts on free parking / cheap parking in the future?

The free parking didn't work as workers were using the spaces, it is now only free after midday on weekdays and free at weekends.

## 6. Community reports

### **Dementia Friends – Viv Bass gave the following report.**

A successful Dementia Friends session was held in the village hall in January with positive feedback, this was well attended and it is hoped to hold another session in the autumn.

### **Bemerton Church – the following report from Rev Woodley was read out**

It was great to see so many residents at a meeting last year to talk about the future of the Village Hall. It is good to see so much effort being put into trying to make the most of it. I have been somewhat distracted by the start of building up at St Peter's Place, with a new Church School being built there as well. St Johns Place is just about breaking even, and is open to lots of community groups and use - so if you have ideas and need somewhere bigger than the Village Hall then do get in touch with Shelley the manager.

### **Quidhampton Newsletter – Bea Tilbrook read the following report;**

There have been 87 editions since June 2010.

Distribution is as before: a paper copy goes to every household in village, White Horse, Coffee Darling, Wilton Library and to WSHC.

Email list: 102 (91 last year) Only 23 are from Quidhampton, others: ex-villagers, friends, WSHC, local police, WC councillor, Cricket Field House.

Paying for the newsletter

Still printed by Spectrum Print, Wilton. First price rise: now £43 (not £40) for 8 page edition.

Over the years 43 households have contributed to paying for the newsletter including 4 from outside the village, described as households because people tend to give as a couple. 13 have given more than once, some give regularly and 2 people have said they want to pay for an issue every year.

Parish Council gives £80 a year, many thanks.

Currently: list of 11 donors plus QPC

Still seems to be popular. Why?

- village right size. "Wish we had one in Wilton" – but it wouldn't work. The chances are most people will know someone mentioned in the newsletter, and everyone knows the places mentioned.
- goodwill: with no church, school or shop where people can gather many Quidhampton people want to build and keep a sense of community so read it and put things in it
- I try to always write in the simplest language, not for an educated elite but everyone. And with no cliches! Keep it simple.
- I do try very hard to get items clear and correct. I know I can irritate people with all my questions when they want to put something in but I always have the reader in mind and what they need to know.
- I don't let it become a list of moans. If one person says dog poo is a problem again I will talk to others to get a wider picture. I do get some strange requests from people who seem to think putting something in the newsletter will solve their problem!

Have to have your wits about you. I was asked: can you advertise for people to take my elderly neighbour out for £10 an hour? Implications to paying for this – referred to Age Concern. But there will be mistakes and corrections are always printed.

Why do I do it? I believe good communication is at the heart of community, I believe in celebrating achievements – making people feel good - and above all I believe in access for all. Anyone who knows me knows how much I dislike cliques – everyone should know about things and be given the chance to join in. And you never know what may suddenly strike a chord with someone reading the newsletter.

*The Jubilee Street Party probably brought out more people than any other village event in my ten years here but the poppy project in its quiet way is drawing new people in too.*

Thanks also to Ken who gets it ready for publication and the deliverers: Viv Bass, Sam Thake, Jan and Dave Barnes, the Herring family, and Elizabeth and Graham Heeley.

Emails

The Quidhampton community email is not something I intended to create – it grew from an email I sent in May 2011 to 30 people to remind them about a meeting about running a fireworks evening. The list is now 125. It reflects how communication is changing.

The email reaches over 90 village homes, close on 50% of the total, with some extras e.g. Simon Woodley, PCSO Nicola Clarke, Wilts Councillor, Zoe H. I try to keep it limited to people who live in the village.

I am happy to continue, if people remember I am not infallible and do miss things. If you want me to send an email around about your event send me an email to remind me.

In July I am going to transfer the list to mailchimp. Though I understand the new data regulations do not apply to me as an individual it will comply with the regulations, **and** it will enable someone else to manage the list when I am away or ill which is not possible. At the moment I just have to advise people to look at village notice boards and the website. People do rely on the email now and I think it should be available at all times in case of emergencies.

Comment – what a marvellous thing the newsletter is.

**Quidhampton Village Hall** – John Cater read the following report

Lease. The Hall's current lease runs out in March 2019, ten months away.

We asked our landlord Rev Simon Woodley for an extension to the lease. He said he had plans for the Hall, to raise money, and would grant a five-year lease at this stage; However, if we demonstrated we were making good use of the Hall then he would consider a longer lease once he had seen the evidence.

Renovation. Meanwhile, the Hall needs repairing, certainly for urgent work to see us through the next 5 years, and later perhaps, long-term renovation.

Survey. We had a survey carried out and asked for two answers: urgent work and long-term work. The long-term work is particularly extensive, the surveyor's estimates are in the region of £2,000 for urgent work and £50,000 for long term.

Quotes. We have had two quotes from builders. They are muddled and we are still discussing the details with the builders.

Hall Usage. Hall usage is still poor, on average a few hours a week, but this is considerably better than it was a year or two ago, thanks to the initiative of everyone called Hannah who started the Two Quiddy Club on Tuesday lunchtimes.

In addition, the following major events took place during the last year and each one was a major success, and brought in much needed funds for the Hall's upkeep.

- The Wedding Exhibition in April 2017.
- A Jumble Sale in May 2017.
- An Art Exhibition last September.
- And just last weekend, we had a good fun Royal Wedding Tea-Party here.

In addition, the now standard Carol Service and the "Not the Bus-Pass Party" took place here and again they were a great success.

Many thanks to all those who put so much work into organizing those events  
Hall's Financial Situation. The Hall accounts up until 31 March this year have been audited and the following details are revealed:

Routine Income from Hirings, Fund Raising Events and <u>Non-Specific Grants</u> and Private Donations amounts to approximately	£2,500.
Routine Operating Expenditure (e.g. maintenance, electricity, Insurance and Cleaning etc)	£2,100
Therefore, there was a routine excess of income of some	£ 400

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In addition to the routine income, the Hall received grants and private donations for the following  
Specific purposes:

For the Hall Survey (from P.C. £480; from private donations £480)	£ 960
For Wi-Fi from SWWAB	£ 570
For the planned Renovations from SWWAB	£1,200

It should be noted that if, for example, Wi-Fi and renovations do not happen, then the money, some £1,800 would have to be handed back to SWWAB.

Taking into account these as yet un-spent grants, on 31 March 18 the Hall had in the bank some

	£4,500
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#### The Future.

Although, currently, seeing our way through the much-needed urgent repairs is foggy, I believe we will be able to achieve something this summer. However, we have a bigger crisis on the horizon; the lack of Hall committee-members.

In brief, both Sabine and I have long since given notice that we will resign our appointments at the end of the current lease; March next year, 10 months away.

As Sabine and I currently deal with Hall bookings, Treasurer, Caretaker and Acting Secretary, there will be a VITAL need for volunteers to take over these post, and for another volunteer to take over marketing; which, at the moment, Ken Taylor is leading on.

Ken Taylor reported that he is working on a project with Wiltshire College to raise the profile of the hall and increase usage. He has offered to continue with the next group of students.

Sabine reported that there are only two hall bookings for the rest of the year.

The jumble sale raised £304 which is in the village hall funds.

#### **Community Speed Watch**

After a few hiccups we finally had confirmation that Quidhampton (Lower Rd) was suitable and a request for volunteers was sent around the village.

To date we have 12 trained volunteers and five sites suitable for operating. The first training took place locally on a chilly December evening and we had to wait until April for the risk assessments and teams to be sorted out.

More volunteers are always welcome.

We are currently in the second week of our second stint and have managed to get a team out almost everyday, sometimes more than once a day.

Parishioners tell us it is making a difference, we have noticed that cars are slowing down but sadly the number of offenders still averages at about 20-25%. One early session had 50% speeding.

We hope the police will be out with us soon – this happens in Wiltshire so do beware.

We have been challenged for impersonating police as our jackets have POLICE on, these were issued by the Police and we have the support of the Police so there are no concerns there.

We share the equipment with another local team which is working well.

#### **Poppy Project**

Since the start of the project bottles have been donated, collected, and cut into shape. The group have met at various times before the Tuesday Quiddy Club, and bottles cut while discussing how the project will develop.

The latest meet up was a demonstration on spray painting the poppies and I'm happy to report painting is well under way. To date, over 1800 poppies have been painted and nearly 400 are on their 'stems' – completed! We envisage close on 3000 poppies will be planted, draped, and displayed in the village in November. It will be magnificent and a wonderful tribute to the men of Quidhampton who died.

Enquiries are already being made to view the project. We have to hope there's no snow and no frost on planting day!

WC Highways has been approached and will require more exact information before the event.

### **First World War Project: Bea Tilbrook and Wendy Lawrence (read by Bea)**

It is four years now since the Parish Council asked me to take this on – to find out about the lives of the Quidhampton men who died in the First World War, as well as those who served, and what life was like in Quidhampton at the time. The project expanded to include the Bemerton men too but it has not included much about the other men who served or life in Quidhampton at the time although the stories of the families of the servicemen do contain incidental details.

41 men are remembered on the lych gate memorial. 32 biographies have appeared in the newsletter and 9 remain to be written: 5 of men who died before the armistice on 11 Nov 1918, and 4 who died from illness or wounds afterwards. I could not have done the work without the help of Wendy Lawrence of Pewsey who researches earlier generations and then helps me with queries as I research more deeply into the detail and local life of the men and their parents. It has been invaluable to have her help – two brains are always better than one.

Printing costs: until 2017 the cost of printing the lives came from newsletter funds but 15 men were killed in 1917 and I was a little uneasy about funding that (£150) from the newsletter donors. Some people are not interested in the WWI project and might not have wanted their money to be used for that. As I said last year you have to accept we don't all feel the same and I wasn't going to put people on the spot by asking them.

So I asked for donors to sponsor the stories of individual serviceman. The great response which I reported last year has continued and I have got enough to cover the costs of the 1918 casualties as well. This includes some generous donations from William Stokes's sister aged 102, and two grandsons of soldiers that we traced.

I wish I had done this from the beginning of the project. It gives extra interest and poignancy to think that someone wants to pay for publication of a particular story. There have been clear personal links - someone who lives over the road from the soldier or who was brought up in the same village – and it makes a real bridge across the years.

Resources A few weeks ago I discovered that the parish magazines from 1908 – 1921 were not lost after all. It has been a wonderful and frustrating discovery but I am concentrating on the wonderful part. So many riches lie in them... (*Women's afternoon group – Quidhampton women sewing sandbags in the village hall in 1915*)

Although I have read only a small fraction of them so far it has given me clearer ideas for the way the village can commemorate the armistice.

Before any kind of publication is planned all the stories will need to be revised in the light of information in the parish magazines, and, in the case of the earlier deaths, using all the new resources that have become available over the last four years.

11 November 2018

Although there was a lot of rejoicing in the streets of London the mood elsewhere was much more subdued, almost of shock or sometimes disbelief. People gathered spontaneously - there was an impromptu and subdued service in St John's that evening. I'd like to re-create the village hall as the Mission Room it was in 1918, when services were held here regularly, complete with altar, and imagine villagers coming in here to talk. That would be a chance to give a bit of the flavour of life in Quidhampton at the time.

The school log books record the rector going into the school at 10.45 and talking to the children – we can recreate his talk and prayers and the two minute silence at eleven that followed it. After that I imagine eleven young people reading a few lines about each of the eleven men who lived here and died because of the war.

Camilla Burgess is going to help and we have been promised either Simon Woodley or Susan Drewett here to take the service – *I will make a special plea for Simon on contemporary gender grounds.*

Each serviceman will also be remembered outside the hall as part of the poppy project. A wreath will be on the door of the house of each of them or nearby if the exact house cannot be established or has been demolished. Each wreath will have a summary of where he died and is remembered etc and a photo where we have one.

**2Quidy Club** – the following report from Hannah Allison-Brown was read out by Hannah Kimmell; The 2Quidy Club was set up by Hannah Kimnell and Hannah Allison-Brown as a social club for the residents of Quidhampton. It meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1pm to 2.30pm in the village hall. Everyone is welcome and the entry fee is £2. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes are offered at no extra charge and it is a place where people meet to chat and relax.

The club has had its first anniversary and is still going strong. Money raised goes to the cost of the hire of the village hall (£20 for the winter months and £12 for the summer months), cover expenses of tea, coffee and milk that is brought and Hannah and Hannah take £2 each to cover the cost of cake ingredients each week. At Christmas, profit was spent on a Christmas lunch for all and was enjoyed by 14 members. A further £27 of profit was spent on buying new, larger mugs. The club is currently £46.88 in profit.

The 2Quidy club continues to be successful because it helps to bring together a community with a core group of regulars who enjoy their weekly catch up. Like all things, the future of the 2Quidy club depends on the on-going support of people in the village and will hopefully continue to encourage villagers to pop along for a cup of tea and a chat.

Month	Average Number of people attending, excl. Hannah and Hannah
June 2017	12
July 2017	10
August 2017	n/a *
September 2017	12
October 2017	12
November 2017	13
December 2017	13
January 2018	13
February 2018	13
March 2018	14
April 2018	15

\*The club runs term time only

**Quidhampton Art Show** . Ken Taylor read the following report

This was another happy and popular event in the Village Hall, attended even by some villagers who had not been inside the hall before. “I never knew there was such talent in the village!” was heard again and again. The splendour of Jennifer Tyler’s tapestries, the striking presence of Ken Taylor’s portraits and the sheer variety of the work of Jane Taylor, Sid Roberts and Audrey Catford amazed many visitors. The impact of Helen Kirby’s modern art and the talent of teenagers Marcus Churchill and Rosa Herring were equally remarkable. And how pleasant it was to be greeted by Sandie Smith and her stylish and beautifully made cards as you walked in. There was a real buzz in the room. Jane Taylor, who has exhibited elsewhere, said that she has never know people so interested and keen to talk to the artists about their work. And Jane and Rosa were both delighted to sell a painting.

Competition winners. Painting competition: Freya, age nine, for ‘The Cathedral’; colouring in: Oscar

age ten for 'The Village Hall at Night' 57 people voted for their favourite piece in the exhibition. Everyone got some votes and Rosa Herring and Audrey Catford got a total of 16 votes each for various paintings. Rosa's Humming Bird, Dark Blue Deer, and Dancers got most votes for individual paintings. £180 was collected in donations for the hall.

*Thanks from the artists for the enthusiastic interest shown in their work, and thanks to all who helped with the set up and competitions, and special thanks to the Salisbury Group of Artists for the hire of their excellent display boards.*

### **Sovereign Set**

This is a group that started following the demise of the WI. They meet in the White Horse for lunch every 2 months, average attendance is 22 – 24. Thanks to Joyce Harvey who organises the lunches.

**100 Club.** Report read by Gervase Clifton Moore;

Recently took this on and discovered it needed a complete refresh so is starting again.

Notice has gone into the newsletter asking for comments.

Hoping to simplify the club and increase the numbers and have a more formal footing.

More people = more prizemoney.

Will be one annual payment preferably by standing order, no more cash collections several times a year.

Hoping to restart in September.

**Bemerton St John Primary School** – the following report was read out.

Numbers on roll

	October 2017	January 2018	March 2018
EYFS	30	30	30
Year 1	30	30	30
Year 2	30	30	30
Year 3	31	31	30
Year 4	30	30	31
Year 5	31	31	32
Year 6	29	29	28
Total	211	211	211

What we have achieved!

- Since the last report, the school has been inspected by Ofsted and the Church (SIAMS) and we have continued to be judged as a good school by Ofsted and an Outstanding Church school.
- We have opened a new school library with the help of our Parents Association (FOBS). The children use this daily and we will be opening it up to parents and children after half term.
- Over the past year, we have engaged with three local authors who have come into school to work with the children. They have engaged the children in both their reading and writing and have also contributed free books for our library.
- As a school we have continued to support all year 3 children in learning the recorder for free with a peripatetic teacher who comes into school every Friday. Even though we are no longer funded for this, we feel that it is important for the children to have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. We have many children who play musical instruments in school through our different peripatetic teachers.
- The use of St John's Place has enabled our school to develop our children's skills further in PE, Dance, Drama, Music and cooking. Having the wonderful space also ensures that every Friday parents and children can come together to celebrate the week of achievements with Reverend Woodley and Reverend Drewett.



- We have recently gained the Bronze award for Primary Science Quality Mark. This has taken over a year to achieve and is a result of the high quality Science curriculum being taught in school. The ceremony is in London in October.

#### Admissions

- The changes to the school policy three years ago are still ensuring pupils from Quidhampton are a high priority in the ranking list.
- This year we had 94 applications for the 30 spaces for September 2018. We continue to be over-subscribed as a school but are always striving to be better and never stand still.

#### Parking

- Parking outside of the school continues to be an issue even though we have a path parents can use from the cricket ground. Fridays' are a particular bad day when we have other cars trying to drive through the village instead of using Wilton Road. Even after visits from the Parking attendants and numerous letters from us as a school, parents continue to park on the road. We will continue to try and resolve this issue.

#### School Events

- Quiz Night Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Let the school office know if you want any tickets.
- On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, we have our school fete on the field between 1pm and 4pm. Please join us to raise money for the children at the school.

#### Defibrillator

- The defibrillator is now in place outside the school gates. This is a great addition, not only to the school but the community. The Parent's Association worked hard to raise a lot of community money to ensure this was in place for the community. All staff in our school are first aid trained, as we ensure pupil's safety is the highest of our priorities.

#### School Funding

- This is always a challenge not only for us as a school, but also other schools. The schools Business Manager, Governors and I ensure the school continues to spend money on the children's education as well as trying to balance the schools budget to meet the demands of the ever changing landscape of education.

#### **Quidhampton Website.** Paul Cripps had sent the following report;

Social media engagement remained static but good engagement on news and consultation topics

This year's updates: \* GDPR compliance

\* members area

Still to do: \* user accounts, profiles for councillors and clerk

\* social media policy and delegated responsibilities

#### **Village Entertainment Fund (VE Fund)** – John Cater read the following report;

The VE Fund was originally set up as a fund for a Victory-in-Europe celebration; later, the V.E. Fund stood for, and still stands, for the Village Entertainment Fund.

Over the last few years the routine income and expenditure to and from the VE Fund was from the 100 Club. However, over the last two years the 100 Club has made a loss, and it was decided to temporarily wind-up the 100 Club until it could once again, make a profit for the VE Fund.

Thus, the 100 Club is still suspended until the new organizer Gervase Clifton-Moore is ready to operate.

Meanwhile, the VE Fund is still operating and over the last year its income and expenditure has been as follows:

#### Income

100 Club	£571	
Total Income		£571

#### Expenditure

100 Club Prizes	£765
Towards Village Parties & Projects	£375
Picture Framing (Nick & Zoe)	£ 65
Donation to Village Hall	£220

Donation (Children in Need) £ 25  
Total Expenditure £1,450  
Therefore, the excess of expenditure over income (i.e. a loss) was £879  
Nonetheless, the V.E. Fund is healthy. As at 31 March 18 the bank balance was £2,270.

**Quidhampton Flood Warden.** Ken Taylor (Flood Warden) read the following report;

There are two main risks the floodwarden addresses:

1. River flooding in an extreme event. Most of the village is sited 2m above the floodplain. The risk to property from river flooding by the adjacent Nadder and Wylye is considered low as an extreme 1000 year return flood event is not predicted by the Environment Agency flood maps to affect even the two lowest properties in the village.
2. Run off flooding during storms. Blocked drains have been a problem in the past, however reportedly not in 2017.

**Quidhampton Civil Emergency Volunteer – John Cater read the following report;**

Happily, no events have happened in the last year that have required delving into the Emergency Plan.

Nonetheless, two small but important matters have been addressed.

The Plan.

First, in September 2017, the Emergency Plan was updated to take account of a number of small but essential amendments. These changes mostly concerned names, addresses and telephone of public authorities who had changed their circumstances and called it progress.

Thirty (30) copies of the plan exist, issued as follows:

- Chair, Clerk and Councillors of PC 9
- Those mentioned in the Plan 18
- Police and Fire Stations etc 3

The Flu Group.

Secondly, when a flu pandemic was forecast in 2016/17, a Flu Group of volunteers got together to form a support team for people who had caught flu and needed help with shopping and/or collecting medicines, etc. A flyer/aide-memoir providing contact details was distributed to every home in the village. In the event, the pandemic never came to Quidhampton.

At the beginning of 2018 another pandemic was forecast. Once again, the Flu-Group girded its loins and fresh flyers/aide memoirs were distributed through every letterbox.

So far, so good. No flu pandemic. Hurrah.

**7. To receive brief reports on forthcoming events;**

- Quidhampton Fireworks. This was last run in 2016 with 740 people attending. It is hoped there will be another event this year but numbers will be limited.
- Quidhampton carols – this will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December in the village hall.

**8. Open Forum**

2 houses have had lead stolen from their front porch.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.21pm