

Modbury Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 1st June 2021 7.00 pm

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11 members of the public attended via Zoom.

Present Cllrs Watts (PW), (Chair), Whybrow (CW), Harvey (JH), Keohane (PK), Middleton, (MM), Rosevear (GR), Walker (AW), West (RW), Whybrow (CW)
Also present: Cllrs Gilbert (RG) (DCC) and Taylor (BT) (SHDC)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Coates, Keel and Woodcock

1. Cllr Watts (Chair of Modbury Parish Council) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Devon County Councillor update:

1. The past year has been dominated by Covid-19 for DCC as it has for all of us.
2. A 379 traffic lights and road works are ongoing, but hopefully all work will be completed soon. Edmeston is completed.
3. Barrack Road. After much work we appear to be getting close to installation of new VAS sign. Thanks to Margaret. Gave £1,000 of DCC locality allowance towards the VAS sign Barrack Road.
4. 2021/22 will prove financially challenging for DCC post covid with an emphasis on helping the economy get back on track.
5. Post lockdown for coastal communities will create stresses this summer for local residents, with a quite probable larger than normal influx of visitors. DCC will do all it can to help, alongside SHDC.
6. Various road drainage issues in Brownston are being reviewed. I will visit to discuss with residents.
7. Calancombe Winery....there have been discussions re traffic issues relating to the planning application.
8. Yellow Lines. This proved challenging to get the new lines painted in. I believe they are now painted in and correct.

3. South Hams District Councillor update:

1. SHDC have worked hard to keep all services running during the last year in very difficult unprecedented times, all planning application site visits were suspended making planning decisions even more difficult.
2. SHDC locality officers have worked hard to support community groups who have done a sterling job to help vulnerable and elderly residents with shopping and medical supplies.
3. SHDC have been lobbying the government to amend the rules to make sure second home owners pay full council tax and cannot register them for business rates, in the last year they have in the South Hams been able to claim a total of £10.million in loss of income grants but have not paid any contribution towards services such as waste collection.
4. To date SHDC have paid out on behalf of Central Government £67.33 million, £44.73 million in the first lock down and £22.60 million since November with still some claims to be paid.

4. There were virtual presentations from representatives of Modbury societies and organisations:

Copies of their reports are available on MPC website where indicated:

<http://www.modburypc.co.uk/document-category/annual-parish-meeting-2021/>

Caroline Bower – MODWAG – see website

Samantha Dennis – Kingsbridge, Salcombe and Modbury Chamber of Commerce

- Have met with 18 local businesses in Modbury and discussed what support Chamber could provide
- Would like MPC to consider council representation

Sophie Darling – Yoga

- Very pleased to have the pavilion open again – fantastic facility

Nigel Guild – Modbury Pantomime – see website

Burda Gage – Modbury TIC

- The premises are now closed and the TIC operates through a new website.
- Planning a local “Good Food Guide”

Angela Hickman – Modbury WI

- It has been a difficult year as the WI is a social organisation as well as a charitable one.
- Emphasis is on fun, food and friendship.
- At the beginning of the year there were 28 members. The organisation has lost 10 and gained 2 new members.
- Looking forward to starting meetings again in September.

Peter Lowe – Modbury Memorial Hall – see website

Revd Rowland – Vicar of the Modbury Mission Community

George Rosevear – Royal British Legion

Reports read by the clerk from MARS, Modbury Gospel Singers, Modbury Twinning Association, Modbury Badminton Club and Modbury Litter Pickers – see website.

Bill Cole – Modbury Caring – see website

Meeting closed at 7.47pm