**Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council - Meeting summary 22nd May 2024**

Cllr Gredley was elected as the Chairman of the Parish Council for 2024 – 2025, with Cllr Hewitt as Vice-Chairman. Cllr Gredley delivered the Annual report and Thanked all Councillors for their work over the last year, and welcomed new Councillor Frank White to the PC. It should be noted that following the 2024 election there are two Council vacancies. If anyone is interested in joining the Council please contact myself or Cllr John Gredley.

Cllr Gredley thanked Unitary Councillor Jane Somper for all her work over the year in particular her efforts on behalf of the Community which were instrumental in ensuring that road re-resurfacing took place. Cllr Gredley noted the very support provided by Wessex Internet in providing a substantial grant for the purposes of play equipment replacement.

Recent flooding events are of concern and the Parish Council is seeking a meeting with Dorset Council and the Environment Agency to discuss what countermeasures can be taken to prevent these. The PC remains concerned about the condition of the stream and the apparent lack of wildlife therein.

It was noted that permission to fell the Lombardy Poplars has been granted and felling will be arranged as soon as possible, however Dorset Council have decided that there should be a re-planting on two black walnut trees.

This is an abridged summary of the Parish Council meeting, a full version of the minutes is available on the Parish Council website:

<https://www.dorsetparishes.gov.uk/council/iwerne-courtney-and-stepleton-parish-council/minutes-meetings-and-agendas/>

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th July 2024 at 7.00 pm.

David Green, Parish Clerk