

## Annual Parish Meeting

### Minutes from meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012

**Present:**

Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW)	Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH)	Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD),
		Cllr Peter Morris (PM)
		James Leach – Clerk (JL)
Press James Leach		

No members of the public were present.

Item	Notes	Action
1	The Chairman welcomed all present.	
2	Apologises – Cllr John Pickard (JP), Cllr Frances Cartwright (FC), Cllr John Smith (JS)	
3	BW read the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting and these were agreed and signed. Proposed BH and seconded PM	
4	Matters Arising – None	
5	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>The Chairman's report was read out. This year had been an active/busy year.</p> <p>One of the biggest undertaking this year was for the PC to look into the provision of affordable housing in the Parish. A lot of work had already been done but there was still a way to go. A questionnaire had been sent to all households but the results of this were still unknown. Further work on this will be continued throughout the next year.</p> <p>The PC had successfully taken over the maintenance of the grass cutting in the village and the results had been a far superior to te service provided by Lincs County Council. As a result of the excellent service provided by Britten's the PC had taken the decision to retain them for the next financial year.</p> <p>A number of Highways faults had been reported to LCC and all had been rectified quickly. The new headwalls had now had secure grills fitted and the new drains laid last year had coped with heavy rain fall. BH congratulated BW on his sterling work to get the new drains completed and this was seconded by all other attendees.</p> <p>The Cemetery this year had had a number of internments and a couple of headstones had been erected. As a result</p>	

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	<p>the Cemetery had ended in profit this year. BW thanked Lionel Fisher for his standard of maintenance throughout the year.</p> <p>There had been a number of planning applications this year, most of which had related to Laughton Manor.</p> <p>There had been a high number of crimes reported this year, mostly around scrap metal thefts. These had been reported to the Police and there was an on-going investigation into such crimes. The PC had still been unable to recruit a new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and sadly this post was still vacant and so the PC had decided to abandon the idea of recruiting a new person as most villagers reported crimes anyway to JL or BW.</p> <p>BW gave thanks to the Clerk Jim Leach for all his hard work and support throughout the year. He also gave thanks to Vice Chairman JP for all his support. BW gave tanks to all Cllrs for their help &amp; support for the past year. BW said he was sorry to see that Cllr Andrew Dodds was no longer on the PC and gave thanks for all his work whilst serving on the PC.</p> <p>The report was adopted and proposed by PM &amp; seconded by BH.</p>	
6	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>Copies of the financial report had been sent out to all present and had been read. JP was not present at the meeting, and had sent his apologies, so the Chairman BW gave a brief highlight report on the current state of the finances. Mention was made of the amount of money the PC now had in the bank as a result of the entire in comings and out goings this year. There were still funds in the bank and it was agreed that this was still quite a healthy position.</p> <p>The Internal Audit will be carried out as soon as JP returns from Holiday. A notice will be put in the notice board to allow members of the public to inspect the accounts should they so wish.</p> <p>BH thanked JP for the professionalism of the accounts.</p> <p>The accounts were adopted by BH and seconded by MD. The accounts were approved and signed off by BW and JL. The annual governance statement accompanying the accounts was also approved and signed off.</p>	

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6	AOB None	
7	There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.40 pm.	
8	Date and time of next Annual Parish Meeting 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.00 pm.	