

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes from meeting held on 16th May 2011

Present:

Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW)	Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH)	Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD),
Cllr John Smith (JS)	Cllr Frances Cartwright (FC)	Cllr Peter Morris (PM)
		James Leach – Clerk (JL)
Press James Leach	None	

One member of the public was present. (Mr W Key)

Item	Notes	Action
1	The Chairman welcomed all present.	
2	Apologises – Cllr John Pickard (JP)	
3	BW read the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting and these were agreed and signed. Proposed BH and seconded MD	
4	Matters Arising – JS said that at the last APM it was agreed that due to funds available in the bank that the PC should consider purchasing something for the village. Due to the lack of income and other expected expenditure and the fact that the PC Precept had remained the same as last year, JS suggested that this should be put on hold. This was agreed unanimously by the other Councillors.	
5	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>The Chairman's report was read out. This year had been a fairly mundane year. There were no major matters to report.</p> <p>During the year the PC had been in discussion with Lincs County Council about the poor standard of grass cutting. The conclusion of these discussions was that the PC had now taken the grass cutting contract in house and awarded it to Britten's. BW said that he felt that the new contractors were doing a fantastic job. The PC had taken on responsibility for cutting Footpath number 4.</p> <p>The Cemetery this year had had one interment, one plot had been sold and two headstones had been erected. BW thanked Lionel Fisher for his standard of maintenance throughout the year.</p> <p>There had been very few planning applications this year. These mainly consisted of extensions and the cutting down of trees.</p>	

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	<p>There had been several crimes reported this year and the PC had still been unable to recruit a new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and sadly this post was still vacant.</p> <p>A number of Highways faults had been reported to LCC and all had been rectified quickly.</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 & 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>Finally BW welcomed new Parish Councillor Mr Peter Morris.</p> <p>The report was adopted and proposed by JS & seconded by FC.</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 so the Clerk JL gave a brief highlight report on the current state of the finances. Mention was made of the lack of income from the Cemetery. Also mention was made of the amount of money the PC now had in the bank as a result of the entire out goings this year. There were still funds in the bank and it was agreed that this was still quite a healthy position although not as healthy as last year. JP had informed JL that he will do a letter for the Auditors to explain the reasons why there were such reserves in the bank account.</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>JL said that a VAT refund had not been done for last year but JP had now done one and also for this year.</p> <p>PM asked if it was normal for PC's not to have a separate account for the Cemetery. JL explained that this matter had been raised at previous meetings and it as this PC's decision to keep all account together. He referred PM to previous minutes.</p> <p>The accounts were approved and signed off by BW and JL.</p>	

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	The annual governance statement accompanying the accounts was also approved and signed off.	
6	<p data-bbox="352 309 421 344">AOB</p> <p data-bbox="352 383 1187 488">PM asked if the PC maintained the public footpath that ran alongside the Old School. BW said that this was not the case.</p> <p data-bbox="352 526 1182 600">JS thanked BW & JL for all the work they had put in to get the new grass cutting contract up and running.</p>	
7	There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.30 pm.	
8	Date and time of next Annual Parish Meeting 21 st May 2012 at 7.00 pm.	