

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL 2017 AT THE SRA PAVILION, CHURCH STREET AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** A. Thompson (Chair), County Councillor Ian Morris, District Councillor Dermot Bambridge, and 54 members of the parish. Also in attendance L. Paice, Parish Clerk.

Members were welcomed to the meeting by Anthony Thompson as Parish Council Chairman. Clarification of the status of the meeting and the eligibility criteria for voting were outlined by the Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES** were received from John and Jennifer Tustian
2. **MINUTES** of the 2016 meeting which had been published in News and Views were **agreed** and signed as a true record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING** from those Minutes relating to the following items were all clarified by the Clerk. All had been addressed by the Council:
  - Savings following change of street lighting
  - Posting of AVM Minutes on the website
  - Lack of Pocket Park Volunteers meetings with PC representatives
  - Clarification of miscellaneous spending on PC audited accounts
  - Dog bin on RX22
  - Request for additional equipment on the playing field
  - Safety of wall behind War Memorial
  - Extension of footway in Church Street to SRA
4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** - The Chairman's report had been published in News and Views
5. **FINANCING OF THE SRA** - The resolution from the Parish Council on the 2017-18 funding of the SRA was detailed by the Clerk and **agreed** that a payment of £3.90 per head on the Electoral Roll at January 2016, being 1853 electors, would be made to the SRA for maintenance of the field. A sum of £7227 had been written into the PC budget to cover this cost. The Clerk explained that there had been a fall in the number of electors over the previous year leading to a small reduction in the payment.
6. Reports from **COUNTY COUNCILLOR IAN MORRIS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DERMOT BAMBRIDGE** were included in the Reports pack and verbal updates were also given. Various questions from the floor were addressed as appropriate.

Other than **SRA, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, PC FINANCE COMMITTEE AND POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY** all reports listed on the Agenda had been included in News and Views. Nick Ashby as Chair of SRA and NHW Co-ordinator, Dermot Bambridge as Chair of the PC Finance Committee and Peter Coles with regard to the Poors Allotments Charity all presented verbal reports to the meeting.

7. The following Motion tabled by Peter Byng, who gave an explanation to the background of the proposal, having been seconded by Nick Ashby was put to the meeting:

*“This Parish Meeting urges the Parish Council to proceed at its next meeting to implement its earlier vote to set up the Silverstone Working Party in line with the Terms of Reference already agreed by the Parish Council and to provide sufficient finance for its efficient operation.”*

There being no counter proposals tabled a vote of registered electors present was made. With one vote against, two abstentions and the majority of electors in favour, **THE MOTION WAS PASSED**. This would be reported back to the Parish Council at its meeting in May.

#### **8. MATTERS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHED TO RAISE –**

- i) Carol Mason queried the extent of the publicity for the meeting but after discussion it was clarified that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972.
- ii) Carol Tosh introduced an information item on the work already in hand in advance of a final decision by the Parish Council in relation to a Neighbourhood Plan and handed over to Bob Brightman who would from the May meeting of the PC be Chair of the NHP Working Party. Bob gave an extended explanation of the pros and cons, work involved and the help which would be needed. He ended by stating that a NHP would not protect the village from an aggressive developer but that it was the best the village could do in this regard.
- Carol Tosh clarified that the whole process would be totally open and transparent with meetings being generally held on the third Monday of each month in the Church Room. All were welcome to attend. Events will be run and these would be publicised. She explained that a draft budget for a plan was being worked on and would be presented to the PC before it voted on whether or not to go ahead.

Carol and Bob were thanked by the Chair for their presentation and residents thanked for attending.

#### **8. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.05pm