

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Members present.**

Cllrs Graham Bett, Janette Barlow, Celia Derbyshire, Robert Jones, Carina Jukes.  
In attendance: Yvette Wellard (Parish Clerk), District Cllr David Payne,  
1 member of the Parish.

**PC/43/16 Apologies.**

Apologies were received from District Cllr Johnathan Lee, Co. Cllr Maureen Dobson,  
Cllr Ben Powell.

**PC/44/16 Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**PC/45/16 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

It was proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Derbyshire and unanimously  
agreed that Cllr Graham Bett be elected Chairman of the Parish Council.  
Proposed by Cllr Derbyshire, seconded by Cllr Jukes, Cllr Janette Barlow was  
unanimously elected as Vice Chairman.  
Both Cllrs signed their Declarations of Acceptance.

**PC/46/16 Public and District Council Contributions**

District Cllr Payne explained the background to the planning authority's Core Strategy  
Review which was a result of a recent ruling by the Planning Inspectorate which had  
deemed NSDC's planning policy invalid because they had failed to provide a 5 year  
supply of housing. Spatial Policy 3 (rural development criteria) had been suspended,  
which meant a loss of local control over development proposals.

**PC/47/16 Minutes of the April Parish Council Meetings**

Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Derbyshire, the minutes of the Parish  
Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> April were approved by the Council.

**PC/48/16 Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**

**40/16** The Clerk was asked to investigate whether any grants were available towards the cost  
of a defibrillator.

**PC/49/16 Planning.**

- a) Core Strategy Review  
The current position had been explained by Cllr Payne.(PC/46/16)
- b) 16/00506/OUTM, 1800 houses at Fernwood.  
Cllrs expressed concerns that further development was unsustainable without  
additional shopping and medical provision in the area, and also about the need for  
improved infrastructure and access to main routes in order to cope with increased  
traffic.
- c) 16/00583/NPA, 3700 houses south of Grantham  
There were no comments on the plans.

**PC/50/16 Annual Reviews**

Copies of the Standing Orders, the Financial Regulations, the Asset Register and Risk  
Assessment had been previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr Derbyshire, seconded by  
Cllr Barlow, it was agreed that no changes were needed.

**PC/51/16 Finance**

- a) Proposed by Cllr Jukes, seconded by Cllr Barlow, the annual accounts for year ending 31.3.16 were approved.
- b) The Statement of Governance was read and agreed, and the annual return signed by the Chairman.
- c) The Accounting Statement was agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- d) Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Derbyshire, the following payments were agreed:

Clerk's salary April	£ 68.90
Vulcana, gas heater servicing	£144.00
Village Hall rates 2016/17	£496.10 (monthly direct debit)

**PC/52/16 Parish Council Vacancy**

The Clerk confirmed that notification of the vacancy had been posted on the notice board for the statutory period which had now ended. It was agreed that the vacancy would be advertised in the June newsletter and on the web site.

**PC/53/16 Village Hall**

a) Village Hall Committee

Membership of the Village Hall Committee was agreed as follows:  
Vicky Appleby (Chairman), Sylvia Graham, Barbara Hill, Margaret Lee, Gill Powell, Joyce Johnstone, Sylvia Hiscock, Marie Burgess, Lyn Woodfield.  
Ex officio – Parish Council Chairman and Clerk.

b) Key Holders

It was confirmed that keys to the village hall were held by the Chairman, the Caretaker, the Clerk, Cllr Barlow, and Vicky Appleby.

c) Maintenance

It was agreed that the Chairman would arrange for Mr Gary Shelbourne to box in pipework in the gents' toilet and point up loose brickwork over the front door as well as replacing the cast iron guttering as previously agreed.

**PC/54/16 Village Green, Playing Field, Footpaths**

- a) Les Chaplin reported that he was still having to clear dog faeces from the field before mowing.
- b) It was noted that some of the footpaths had been mown around Mr Snipe's land.

**PC/55/16 Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting / Immediate Note**

The Clerk and Cllr Dobson were following up matters raised at the APM.  
The dips in the road on Front Street had already been inspected and marked.

**PC/56/16 Correspondence, Newsletter and Web Site**

There were no items of correspondence.  
Reminders about the Best Kept Village competition, and defibrillator fund, and notices of the Parish Council vacancy and audit would go in the newsletter and on the web site.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

.....Chairman.

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