

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019

Meeting started 6.30pm

Present

Chairperson Barry Hodgson Clerk Adele Waddington Councillor Ruth Crompton
Councillor David Storey Councillor Clare Storey Councillor Emma Jane MacDonald
Councillor Craig McBeth

Apologies

Vice Chairperson Paul Reyner, Councillor Beverley Robinson, Councillor David Barritt, Borough Councillor Margaret Foxley, Borough Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price, County Councillor Jennifer Purcell

Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of the 8th May 2018, were approved and signed correct, Proposed by Councillor C Storey, seconded by Councillor D Storey.

Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Hodgson thanked Adele for her hard work throughout the year once again. John Dransfield did a vast amount of work for the Neighbourhood Plan which has now been 'made' and is in use with the planning department at Pendle Borough Council.

Chairperson Hodgson thanked Cllr's D&C Storey for the wonderful work that they have done again improving the allotments and the relationships between the tenants.

Chairperson Hodgson thanked Cllr Robinson for her continued hard work co-ordinating the Trawden in Bloom team and winning an award at the North West in Bloom awards again last year. The works on the old Parish Hall have now been completed and this is now open as a nursery. Work on the library building has been done and this was opened in November which is now a thriving community library and shop. Congratulations to the Trawden Forest Community Centre Trustees for their success so far.

Most of the potholes which were a big problem last year have now been rectified and problems are few and far between. There is still a lack of Police coverage but this is being looked at. Adele receives a copy of the Police rota each week which is distributed to the school and to the shop. There has been little frost over the winter months, but Lancashire County Council has done gritting when the temperatures have fallen low enough.

Chairperson Hodgson has noticed that there is much more cohesion within the village now that the library and shop has opened, and there are lots of volunteers on their books which is very encouraging. Having spoken to estate agents, they feel that house prices will increase now that the village has the shop.

Accounts of the previous year

The Statement of Accounts (Section 1) contained in the Annual Return for the year ended 31/03/19, presents fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31/03/19. Total =£46859 were seen by all members of the Parish Council. £50241 has been spent, and there was £75046 income. Approved Chairperson Hodgson, Seconded Councillor Crompton. Put to vote, all in favour.

Finance

Chairperson Hodgson feels very lucky to have Adele Waddington appointed as treasurer, and Chairperson Hodgson reminded all Councillors that any money to be spent must be agreed at a meeting before committing to any spends.

Adele reported that 5 people have not paid their allotment rents, and 3 people have not paid their garage rents. It was proposed by Cllr Crompton that another invoice and covering letter be sent to those who had not yet paid, with an additional £10 admin fee for late payment. Any payments not received by 31st May would result in eviction of the plot. Seconded by Cllr MacDonald. Put to Vote – all in favour.

Some sponsorship payments have not yet been received. Adele to chase these.

Borough Councillors Report

The Borough Councillors were unable to attend the meeting as it clashed with prior commitments.

Any Other business

Chairperson Hodgson welcomed the 2 new Parish Councillors to the meeting and Declarations of Acceptance of Office were completed by all members.

Chairperson Hodgson reminded everyone that the Parish Council is not a political party and aggravation of any Councillors would not be tolerated.

Chairperson Hodgson reminded everyone that they must abide by the Code of Conduct sent out by Adele and all members present signed a sheet to advise that they had read and understood the contents of this document.

Meeting Closed 6.50pm

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J B Hodgson', written in a cursive style.