

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11th MAY 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Julia Lindsay, PC Chairman in the chair, Cllr Sandra Barnes, District Councillor, Linda Paice, Parish Clerk, and 10 electors of the Parish.

1. **APOLOGIES** were received and accepted from Richard Jenkins, Peter Newson and Cllr Chris Lofts, County Councillor
2. The **MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING** were signed as a true record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING**- None
4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** - Julia Lindsay gave her report to the meeting as Chair of the Council detailing another busy year highlighting road dangers and securing the future of the playground as the main issues on which parishioners were concerned. She reported that the vehicle activated sign would hopefully shortly be moved to the other end of the village and explained the protracted legal process in relation to purchase of the playing field which was ongoing. A loan had been confirmed to purchase the field but the Council would not initially have the finances to effect any improvements. New planters were ready to be installed at the entrances to the village, the Council regularly commented on planning applications, none of which had been major, the lights were being maintained and consideration was being given to upgrade them to more environmentally friendly and financially economic alternatives. The Council now had a new website and the web address would be publicised through GRASS. A villager had just come forward to act as webmaster and this offer would be going to this Parish Council at the meeting later in the evening.
5. There was no **POLICE** representation.
6. Nick King from the South Northants Volunteer Bureau had been expected at the meeting to talk about **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** but was not present.
7. The Clerk took the meeting through the latest **ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL** which she explained were still subject to audit.
8. A report from Chris Lofts as retiring **COUNTY COUNCILLOR** was read to the meeting. Following the recent NCC Election Adil Sandygov would now represent the Parish.

Cllr Sandra Barnes as **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** reported on activity in SNC highlighting the ever constant issue of lack on money to run more activities but fortunately frontline services had been maintained. The CEO had recently retired and a replacement would take up the post in July. The Head of Law, Kevin Lane, was also leaving after many years of service and Robert Fallon as development Services Manager also. Both would be greatly missed. Works had started opposite the Racecourse to construct a roundabout to give access to the development land for 2750 houses but there was still no date or certainty regarding the planned relief road. The Racecourse have been talking to the Planners regarding expansion with hotels, shopping village, playing field etc. The South Northants Local Plan is progressing and Part 2A will soon be out to full consultation. A new recycling campaign under the heading of Metal Matters is about to be launched.
Cllr Barnes was thanked for attending this and other meetings throughout the year.
9. **PLAYING FIELD** – An update had already been given.
10. There was no representative present from the **VILLAGE HALL** and no report had been provided.

11. There was no report from the **PARISH PATH WARDEN** and no report provided.
12. As earlier reported that had been no significant **PLANNING MATTERS** to report.
13. **ISSUES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHED TO RAISE :** A resident raised concerns about the proposed Rail Freight Terminal and its traffic implications for the village. Volunteers to the Action group would be raised at the Parish Council meeting. Further concerns were expressed about speed of traffic on the Showsley Road and its status and this would be passed back to the Council.
A car parked on the pavement by the Old Chapel was causing concerns and the Clerk explained that blocking of the pavement was a Police issue but the Council would be asked to put a reminder in this regard in GRASS.
It was reported that a hedgerow on Main Road by Monastery Farm had been removed causing a resident some concerns. Another resident said that it had improved visibility. Concerns would be passed back to the Council.
15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday May 10th 2018 or such other date as advised.

Villagers were thanked for attending and there being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm