

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday,
2 May 2017 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe**

Members Present: Cllrs K Waites, J Cook, C Naylor, W Jewitt, L Hardy, R Gott, R Brook, P Flinders, M Blanshard, G Turner, S Hellewell, E Shaw, S Slater, J Senior, S Merry, N Denby, N Gemmell, P Kemp, J Depledge,

In Attendance: C Wadsworth (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr J Summers was absent

The Chairman welcomed those present to the Annual Parish Meeting, and thanked them for their support over the year. He informed councillors of a successful Civic Event he had attended at Meltham. The Vice Chairman had attended the St Georges Day Parade.

16/448 Minutes of the Last Annual Parish Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that there were no comments on the minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2016.

16/449 Business Arising from Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that no business was arising from the previous meeting minutes.

16/450 Annual Report of the Parish Council and Chairman's Report

The Chairman of the Council presented the Annual Report of the Parish Council for the year 2016/2017 and his report.

It was **RESOLVED** that the reports be received.

16/451 Annual Report of the School Governors

Cllr Waites gave a verbal report as governor of Scissett First School and updated councillors on the Multi Academy status which had finally happened in March after delays caused by land ownership issues.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be received.

16/452 Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report which included:

- It had been a very challenging year for the council with the budget cuts introduced and further cuts to come reducing Council reserves.
- There was still a need for clarity over A & E at Huddersfield Infirmary.
- BT Broadband programme was still in line to hit targets.
- The Local Plan had now been submitted to Government for review.
- The new library service was going well with a lot of support from volunteers, further cuts would mean a further review of the service however. A public consultation document would be issued in approx. 2 weeks.
- A report had been submitted regarding the Ofsted review of Children's Services however the forthcoming election had delayed the process.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be received

16/453 Reports from Voluntary Organisations with Official Representatives of the Council

Dave Wilde, the Countryside Officer, submitted a written report on last month's activities including work at Cliffe Woods, newt pond work, the Churchfield allotment work where volunteers from the 10 Villages Group, the allotment holders and Friends of Churchfields were working together, and the Yellow Fish Project on the River Dearne.

RESOLVED A vote of thanks was given to Dave Wilde on all his hard work.

Cllr Turner stated that the Environment Trust continued to meet and was very active with a number of new volunteers on board with the increase in environmental groups and due to Dave Wilde's hard work.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be received

No other reports from voluntary organisations with official representatives of the Council were received.

16/454 Further resolutions to consider

No further resolutions were submitted

16/455 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked everyone present for their attendance. The meeting closed at approximately 7.20pm.

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CHAIRMAN