

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday,  
1 May 2018 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, E Shaw, S Slater, J Summers, M Wood, N Denby, N Gemmell, P Kemp, J Depledge,

**In Attendance:** C Wadsworth (Clerk) & D Wilde (Countryside Officer)

**Apologies:** Cllrs Hellewell & Merry

The Chairman welcomed those present to the Annual Parish Meeting and thanked them for their support over the year. Cllr Depledge then handed over to the Vice Chairman, Cllr Cook, who led a minute's silence for the recently deceased Winnie Archer.

**16/664 Minutes of the Last Annual Parish Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** that there were no comments on the minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2017.

**16/665 Business Arising from Minutes**

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

**16/666 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 2017/2018 and her report.

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

**16/667 Annual Report of the School Governors**

Cllr Waites gave a verbal report as governor of Scissett First School and updated councillors

- Helme School had joined the Multi Academy Trust headed by Scissett First School. There was no geographically defined area for a MAT, any school could join. The MAT now consisted of four schools.
- From September an Academy Improvement Officer had been appointed.
- The Yorkshire Teaching School Alliance continued to assist graduates following an educational career however there had been fewer candidates this year.
- School places stood at 181 but there were concerns over future requirements.
- Concerns had been expressed over new housing in the area and future provisions.
- Grants and assistance had been received including £500 from the parish council and from Huddersfield Giants with all areas of sports.
- There was a high level of special educational needs students which need extra funding.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be received and that thanks be given to Cllr Waites for a very informative report.

**16/668 Reports from District Councillors**

Cllr Turner gave a verbal report which included:

- It had been a difficult year for Kirklees and all local authorities due to funding arrangements
- Funding uncertain beyond 2020, therefore only a 2 year budget had been put forward
- £54 million in savings had been just about delivered despite the increase cost of winter maintenance
- The Children's Service partnership with Leeds had been working well and improvements were being seen. A reduction in agency staff and an increase in recruitment of social workers had made cost savings.
- Potholes had been a big issue this year and every effort was being made to reduce the backlog and improve the reporting system which due to the number of national apps had resulted in much duplication of reporting.

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

**16/669 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 Churchfields, the Light Railway new ponds, Clayton West Millennium Green, Easthills and Cliffe Woods. He had also continued to work with all schools in the area, and would be assisting on the EPIP Walking Festival. **RESOLVED** A vote of thanks was given to Dave Wilde on all his hard work and quality of report.

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

**16/670 Further resolutions to consider**

No further resolutions were submitted

**16/671 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked everyone present for their attendance. The meeting closed at approximately 7.30pm.

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**CHAIRMAN**