

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, 14 MAY 2018**

Attended:

Cllr Ashley Baxter  
Mr Andrew Bowman  
Mr Paul Bragg  
Mr Arthur Dethick  
Mrs Alison Ireland  
Mr Jim Mooney

Cllr Iain Stowe – Chairman  
Cllr Maggie Ashcroft  
Cllr Colin Blagrove  
Cllr Sue Latham  
Cllr Stephen Snell  
Mr Ian Coles - Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2017 were considered, following which it was proposed by Cllr Colin Blagrove, seconded by Cllr Maggie Ashcroft and unanimously agreed the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the meeting; the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1 APRIL 2017 – 31 MARCH 2018**

The Chairman, Cllr Iain Stowe, gave a report to the meeting on the activities of the Parish Council for the year ending 31 March 2018. A copy of the Chairman's full report is attached to these minutes.

The Chairman wished to thank his fellow councillors for their support and cooperation during the year, as well as Julia Mason for her efforts as Clerk before being replaced by Ian Coles from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. He also welcomed Cllr Stephen Snell and thanked him for agreeing to serve following the loss of Grace Marsden in February 2017.

Our parish council election will be held in May 2019 and whilst they have been uncontested in recent years, the Chairman hoped that we will see greater interest from residents when this takes place next year.

During the year, speed signs were erected in the village but we are considering the possibility of reactive ones in the future should our financial reserves make this possible.

Various maintenance of the closed church yard of St Andrews and the King Street Cemetery were required during the year and we are thankful to both Cllr Colin Blagrove for organising the protection of an unsafe tomb and to Cllr Sue Latham for taking on administrative duties for the Cemetery.

Thanks were also passed on to the sub-committee which organised a successful Midsummer Magic week in June 2017.

The Chairman also thanked all residents who have helped in various community obligations and other community activities.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None.

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

The financial summary for the year was presented and a copy is attached to the minutes. The precept had remained at the same level. There are revised requirements to be met for our Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and the appropriate forms have been completed and agreed for submission to the external auditors, PKF Littlejohn.

**6. COMMUNITY REPORTS**

**6.1 WEST DEEPING PARISH CHARITY REPORT**

Mr Andrew Bowman, Treasurer of the West Deeping Parish Charity, gave a verbal report for the year. Income for the period was £4650 and expenditure was £4527. He also welcomed suggestions for charitable causes to be nominated for use of their funds in the future.

**6.2 WEST DEEPING VILLAGE HALL CHARITY REPORT**

Mr Iain Stowe, Secretary to West Deeping Village Hall Charity, produced a report for the year up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 which is attached to these minutes.

**6.3 WEST DEEPING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT**

Mr Colin Blagrove, Secretary to the Parochial Church Council provided a verbal update at the meeting confirming notes already supplied to councillors. The key points were the retirement of the Rector on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018, attendance at church services, fundraising for improvements to St Andrews Church and a joint initiative between the Parochial Church Council and Heritage Group to restore the memorial commemorating World War 1 veterans with a rededication service to be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:26pm.

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Chairman

Dated \_\_\_\_\_