

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Monday 18th May 2015.

Present:

Councillors: Paul Duffy, Alan Brocklehurst, Tim Barlow and Rachel Robinson.

Members of the public: There were six members of the public present and Lesley Smetham, the Ward Councillor from Cheshire East.

Before the meeting was officially opened, The acting clerk asked for a councillor to chair the meeting. Cllr Paul Duffy agreed.

- 1) **Apologies** - Councillor Jackie Blackburn (arrived for 2nd meeting) and Bernard Kellett
- 2) **Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest based on the agenda** - Cllr Paul Duffy (re: land ownership near quarry footpath)
- 3) **The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th April 2014** - approved and signed as a correct record.
- 4) **The Annual Report for 2015** - read out by the Clerk and will be delivered to all houses in the Parish

5) Matters Arising:

Cheshire Railings - it was suggested that whilst we are investigating quotes for repair of the Cheshire railings opposite Highway Garage, we should look into the cost of replacement with either post and rail fencing or hedging to match the existing boundary of the railings.

Highways Issues - Numerous potholes were mentioned and will be reported via the Highways website. Some have already been reported and will be chased up.

- The road between Withington Hall and the entrance to the Quarry is badly damaged.
- There is a pothole on the left side going down Bomish Lane
- The tree damaged by lightning on the village green still needs removal
- The verges along Salters Lane near the Parish Hall have been cut back to the hedge as per Highways guidance, however the Council have been asked to see if these can be declared a wildlife or wildflower corridor and therefore limit the grass cutting to 1m back from the road.

Sand Quarry - it was confirmed that Alan Brocklehurst and Jackie Blackburn would remain Council representatives at the Sibleco Quarry Liaison meetings and would continue to monitor what will happen once Sibleco move out. The issue with the Lapwing Lane footpath will be brought up at the Quarry meeting on the 19th May.

Traffic speeds - there is clearly some confusion as to the speeds on the A535 as cars have been regularly witnessed overtaking up the hill towards Terra Nova school. Cllr Blackburn reported that there is a review pending and results will be shared with the Parish Council

Cllr Blackburn also reported that the road count strips will also be put in the village in early June (avoiding half term) to determine traffic patterns, these results will also be of great interest.

The Annual Parish Meeting was then closed.

LOWER WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

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Present:

Councillors: Jackie Blackburn, Paul Duffy, Alan Brocklehurst, Tim Barlow and Rachel Robinson.

Members of the public: There were six members of the public present

- 1) **Apologies** - Councillor Lesley Smetham (left after 1st meeting) and Bernard Kellett
- 2) **Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest based on the agenda** - Cllr Paul Duffy (re: land ownership near quarry footpath)
- 3) **Nomination of new Chairman and Vice Chairman of the new Parish Council**

Cllr Paul Duffy was chosen as Chairman and Cllr Alan Brocklehurst will become Vice Chairman.
Cllr Robinson will remain acting clerk until Bernard Kellett is able to return

- 4) **The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th April 2015** - approved with two minor typographical errors, will be signed by the new chairman once re-printed.

5) Actions from the previous minutes

Lapwing Lane footpath - Cllr Robinson has put the issue on the agenda for the Quarry Liaison meeting on the 19th May and will attend the meeting with Cllr Brocklehurst.

Village website - Cllr Robinson has been in touch with Adam Keppel-Garner and he is going to write a user guide, however please continue to send amendments to clerk@lowerwithington.com

Village Logo - Lyndsey Green has agreed to reformat the logo to remove the fox and add a pheasant as it is more colourful than a sheep.

Audit - Cllr Robinson will complete this with our internal auditor (Andrew Ryder) as soon as she has the bank documentation from Bernard Kellett.

Insurance renewal - the quotation has been accepted from CAME Insurers and a cheque for £278.95 was issued at the meeting.

6) Finance

The finances for the year ending 31st March 2015 have been added to the Annual Report but it was noted that without the actual bank statements the final figure including any interest or other payments could not be confirmed.

A payment of £1,470 for the defibrillator was approved and an electrician is now being sought for installation at the Parish Hall.

7) Planning

The only new application was for Willow Lawn Farm (15/2077M) - there were no comments or objections

8) Community

Litter Pick - this was a great success with lots of new faces. A big thank you to all the volunteers and a promise that next year will be earlier in April before the grass verges get too long.

Lapwing Lane - a personal email from Paul Duffy was acknowledged and supported by the councillors.

9) Highways

The potholes and verges issues were dealt with in the previous part of the meeting and will be reported as soon as possible.

10) Any Other Business

The cheque for the insurance was issued for £278.95

NEXT MEETING: at the Parish Hall, 7.30pm Monday 29th June 2015