**CHOLMONDESTON & WETTENHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 21st May 2018

 St David’s Church, Wettenhall.

**Present**: Mrs F Brooks (Chair), Mr S Twigg, Mr P Hollinshead, Mr D Shaw, Mr P Brunt & the Clerk (Mrs H Exley)

**In Attendance**: members of the Public

1. Apologies – Mr J Woodward (Vice Chair)
2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th May 2017 were approved and duly signed by The Chair. Proposed by Philip Hollinshead and seconded by Pat Brunt. All councillors agreed.
3. Re-election of Chair, Fiona Brooks - proposed by Philip Hollinshead & seconded by Stephen Twigg.
4. Re-election of Vice Chair, John Woodward -proposed by Fiona Brooks & seconded by Pat Brunt.
5. Responsible Financial Officer (RSO) to stay with the Clerk, Helen Exley. Proposed by Fiona Brooks and seconded by Patrick Brunt.
6. The Chair’s report:-

No formal report as such, but the 2 issues that remain at the forefront of Parish matters are The development of the Boot & Slipper site and Road usage in the area. The Chair stated that the Parish Council is very aware of the pressures that local councils are under in terms of resource and finance and it is therefore more difficult to achieve anything without a lot of effort.

Planning issues have centred around the Boot & Slipper this year and we await the result of the recent application. 3 applications have been made in Cholmondeston this year and 5 in Wettenhall, which are mainly commercial applications.

1. The Clerk presented a summary of receipts and payments for the year ending 31st March 2017. Current balance at the bank is £2752.01.
2. The Accounts Audit was approved by the Chair. The Clerk stated that the external Audit had taken place and this will now be posted to the Audit Commission. Due to the change in accounting procedures, the accounts for the Parish no longer need to be approved by the external auditor due to the income & expenditure being below £25k per year. The notice for the Public’s inspection of PC accounts will be posted on the PC noticeboard.
3. The Clerk reported that Insurance provider has been changed due a business take over. It was requested by DS that a further quote be sought before committing to the current provider.
4. Members of the public –
* What are the Parish Council going to do about the litter problem in the area? It was explained that there had been a recent community litter pick by CEC highways. That Locals were also prepared to do a voluntary litter pick. The clerk explained that other PC’s do receive a grant for funding litter picking, but this is now no longer available.
* Don’t feel that there are enough Parish Meetings throughout the year, why are the summer months missed out?
* Can a survey be done for the community to find out what residents want? FB proposed that **DS** put together a survey for the community.
* Southview. Criticism that CEC enforcement are not carrying out their job and therefore it is detrimental to the local community. Issues still around the larger shows and temporary stabling. CEC need to look more closely at planning constraints. Local resident feels that Southview does not engage with local residents and communicate what the timetable of activities are, which would enable locals to plan their weekends.

11.Provisional date for the next meeting – to be confirmed with St David’s.

There was no further business and the meeting was declared closed at 19.30pm.

-----------------------------------------Chairman

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