**CHOLMONDESTON & WETTENHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 23rd May 2019 @7pm

 St David’s Church, Wettenhall.

**Present**: Mrs F Brooks (Chair - outgoing), Mr S Twigg, Mr P Hollinshead, Mrs H Moss,

Mr P Brunt & the Clerk - outgoing (Mrs H Exley)

**In Attendance**: members of the Public

1. All Councillors present signed the declarations of office and adopted the Code of Conduct for the Parish Council. This was proposed by Pat Brunt and seconded by Steve Twigg.
2. Election of Chair, Pat Brunt - proposed by Philip Hollinshead & seconded by Stephen Twigg. (PB continued the meeting as Chair).
3. Election of Vice Chair, John Woodward -proposed by Philip Hollinshead & seconded by Steve Twigg.
4. Responsible Financial Officer (RSO) as an interim whilst a Clerk is recruited, Steve Twigg. Proposed by Philip Hollinshead and seconded by Patrick Brunt.
5. Councillor vacancy – 2 candidates put their names forward. A ballot was held between the Councillors present and Keith Gilby was co-opted onto the Parish Council.
6. Apologies from John Woodward.
7. Minutes from AGM 2018 were proposed as correct by Philip Hollinshead and seconded by Steve Twigg.
8. **The Chair’s report**:-

No formal report as such, due to the election of a new Chair.

Active 12 months with the Boot & Slipper development – still no conclusion. Further application pending. Village Green status still not granted, but tree has a TPO in place to protect it. Roads and Highways continue to challenge us, with access issue on Long Lane for HGV’s and speed limits on Winsford Road.

1. **The Clerk’s report**:-

The balance in the bank at the end of the financial year is £3310. There were no major expenses in this financial year other than the normal payments which amounted to £2619. The Electricity bill is now on standing order along with an annual payment of £35 to the information Commisioners office.

It was agreed by all Councillors that the Precept be increased for the forthcoming financial year and so it has now been raised by £1000. This is to cover all ongoing costs and to ensure that there is a minimum reserve in the account.

1. The Accounts Audit was approved by the Chair. The Clerk stated that the external Audit had taken place. The notice for the Public’s inspection of PC accounts will be posted on the Website in June.
2. The Clerk reported that Insurance provider has been changed due a business take over. The Insurance costs remain the same as last year due to a 3 year deal.
3. Members of the public –
* The new Borough councillor Sarah Pochin introduced herself.
* Signage at the top of Long Lane still not done (to warn HGV’s about no turning down Long Lane)
* Speeding issues still a problem.

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

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