

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 16th May 2016

- 1 **Apologies for absence** - Cllr Barnwell
- 2 **Parish Council Chairman's report to include Finance**- Cllr Littler welcomed Katie Wilson to the Council. He confirmed the precept had been set at £60,000, and we had spent approximately £58,000, comprising £40,000 on TCAM and £9,000 on administration. The Community Fund had also granted funds towards a new mower, a bowls mat and a rotavator. We have undertaken a full review of the relationship between TCAM/MVA and the parish council and this report has been given to the auditor to read. Further to ensure Finance is regularly reviewed we have also set up a finance working party who will meet to review and report back to full Council.
As regards village issues the adoption of roads and sewers was ongoing, and again there was no further progress on the proposed pub site. We have made progress in filling in the gap in the cycle path, and we are currently looking at funding. We are hoping to install keep fit equipment in the village over the next financial year and this would also help with our target of bringing in more activities for young children. Cllr White had been in liaison with Kettering Borough Council in the hope of agreeing a specification for replacement windows but this had not gone well. Finally, we are also working on a new stone entrance sign for the village.
With regards TCAM, it was noted that it is expensive to run but we are hoping to build a reserve of £75,000.00 to ensure any defects which may arise can be dealt with. There is also a project in place which is looking at extending the Centre but this is at an early stage.
A big change this year had been the notice of termination for the allotments, and the Council were actively looking at alternative locations.
Finally, we are looking at putting in place a neighbourhood plan. This will identify where development would take place for a possible 60/70 houses. The initial questionnaire had been drafted.
- 3 **Sports Council** – Football now had over 150 players covering varying age groups between 6-14. There are also other sports such as rounders and touch rugby teams. The football was now Charter Standard approved through the FA and special thanks was noted for Lee Walton who is a UEFA B Qualified coach and had been helping with training. The Council are now talking to the FA about further grants and will continue to seek support from the Parish Council as and when required.
- 4 **Choir** – There will be a summer concert this year. Through funding from the lottery a keyboard and PA system had been purchased. The Choir now has approximately 30 members.
- 5 **MAD** – They had a very successful sell out performance of the panto. There will be a variety show in July. Finally they confirmed that they had raised £6,700 for charity with their Christmas appeal.

The meeting finished at 7.30pm

Annual General Meeting
Monday 16th May 2016

1. **Election of Chair of the Parish Council 2016/2017** – Nominations were requested and Cllr Littler agreed to stand. He was proposed by Cllr Richards and seconded by Cllr White. No other nominations were received.
2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Barnwell
3. **Declaration of acceptance of office (Chair)**- Cllr Littler signed the declaration of acceptance form.
4. **Election of Vice-Chair of the Parish Council 2016/2017** - Nominations were requested and Cllr Barnwell was proposed by Cllr Littler and seconded by Cllr White. No other nominations were received.
5. **Declaration of acceptance of office (Vice-Chair)**- Cllr Barnwell is to sign the declaration of acceptance form at the June meeting.
6. **Appointment of working parties** – It was agreed that Cllr Sanders would continue to liaise as regards the adoption process, Cllr Barnwell will continue as Internal Controls Councillor and liaise with the Clerk as regards finance. The Finance Working Party is also to continue with Cllrs Barnwell, Littler and Wilson. Cllr Cope will continue with maintenance at the Centre although it was noted that more responsibility needs to be passed to TCAM.
The Neighbourhood plan working party would continue with Cllr White, Cllr Littler and Cllr Barnwell.
Finally the HR Working Party would also continue with Cllrs Barnwell and Cope.