

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Held on Monday 15th May 2017**

**PRESENT:** Jo Butler, Ian Pulley, Rachel Blood, Roslyn Siddall, Sara Geary, Victoria Coward

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Grant Summers, Cllr Howard Murray and Cllr Jos Saunders

The Chairman of the council, Jo Butler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015**

Acceptance of the previous annual parish meeting minutes was deferred until the next meeting of the Parish council on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

### **CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT**

Report by Jo Butler, read out by Jo Butler.

This has been another exciting year for the parish council.

We were able to fill our clerk vacancy and take some of the pressure of those with acting up duties to cover the short fall, a big thank you to Ros and Vic in particular for this. I like to think that our new clerk has fitted well in to our team, giving us a full complement of staff to support our ongoing work.

Hall bookings are up year on year and this is in no small part to Rachel who has shown many people around the hall and encouraged more bookings for things like weddings and christenings. The update and refurbishment of the entrance hall, bar area and upstairs meeting room has made the hall a much more attractive option for all kinds of community events from a wider audience than just the village. This is thanks to the hard work of Ian who has made the hall his second home over the last few months in order to co-ordinate a lot of the work. He also managed to persuade most of the Parish councillors and some kind helpers to paint the bar area and entrance hall in order to get the work completed in a more timely manner. There is still work to carry on but this has made such a big change to the hall and has been commented upon by several members of the village. It is always nice to get some positive feedback for the behind the scenes work.

We have managed to get the rumble strips installed at the Macclesfield end of the village and thanks to shouting loud, we will hopefully get them at the Whaley Bridge end as part of our drive to control traffic and speeding through the village. This is because of volunteers going the meetings and putting the Kettlethulme perspective forward. Without this we would not be heard at all.

We have managed to keep in touch with the village in other ways and the user friendly social media and up to date web information have been invaluable in getting the word out about events such as music events and our pop up café, and has meant that these things have been very well supported. We have also concentrated efforts in supporting other community groups such as WI, Whaley Bridge band, the Fete committee, the church, who held a lantern parade again on the village field utilising the hall afterwards and the school. I was lucky enough to be invited to the school garden party in June last year to celebrate their 160th anniversary. More recently we have been contacted by South

West Peak Partnership who are keen to use Kettleshulme as a pilot for some fundraising and other community events. Meetings will be set up shortly and I can see only positive results from this moving forward.

We have continued to be part of the CRTA , encouraging the arts within our village and making them more accessible. The acts have praised the village hall as a good venue and have enjoyed their time with us in Kettleshulme without exception. We are already planning for the autumn show.

Other future work will include the refurbishment on the garden area with the use of a grant obtained from Tesco. We are also looking at ways to update and refresh the playing field for the younger members of our community and grants are being looked at to support this. Finally we are all waiting with baited breath to hear about the potential for improved broadband in the village. So no resting on our laurels as there is more to do in the next year and beyond.

I think that many people think that the life of a Parish councillor just involves the meetings and don't really appreciate all the unpaid and unsung work that goes on behind the scenes, so thank you all for your enthusiasm and commitment to make Kettleshulme a better place to live.

#### **PARISH MATTERS**

There were no parish matters raised by the council and no members of the public were present.

Meeting closed at 19:20pm

Chairman:

Dated: