

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held on Monday 19th May 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Memorial Hall, Kettleshulme on Monday 19th May 2014, at 7.00pm for the transaction of the ordinary business of a Parish Meeting pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972. All local government electors registered in respect of the Parish are entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting.

Dated 5th May 2014 – signed Mr Paul Harris, Clerk to the Council

At a meeting held in pursuant to the above notice (copies of which had been displayed through the Parish) the following business was transacted:

PRESENT: Cllrs Jo Butler, Clive Greenwood, Victoria Greenwood, Bill McQuinn, Ian Pulley, Tony Sheldon, 1 member of the public and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Received from Cllr Cheryl Greenwood.

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Clive Greenwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Like many organisations, 2013 – 2014 has been a year of change, and I feel that it is appropriate to thank on behalf of the council all those councillors and officers who have served the community, and to wish a warm welcome to their replacements.

I would like to make a special note of thanks to David Mowl, who has looked after the hall in his capacity of caretaker for over twenty years, and we wish him well in his retirement.

I have broken this report into two main headings, and highlighted the main actions or activities that have taken place:

Hall Activities

At the beginning of the year we created the entertainment committee, with sole responsibility to organise a varied programme of entertainment at the village hall. During the year we have hosted a 1960's night with the reverb brothers, in the autumn we had, courtesy of the CRTA, Piano Man, and the following month the Whaley Bridge Band entertained in true 1940's style.

Our application to the Lottery Commission for a grant to refurbish the toilets was unsuccessful, despite our getting into the final round of the grant application. It would appear that for every £1 available they have at least £600 in grant applications. Nevertheless, the experience we have gained in completing their in depth forms will be put to good use in our next application to WREN, where we hope to secure funding for the refurbishment of the kitchen area, and installation of double glazing throughout the hall. During the summer months it is our intention to proceed with one of these projects with the funds we have already raised.

Highways and Road Maintenance

We have created a highways subcommittee, whose purpose is to review what is happening to our roads, drains, and where necessary resolve any issues that have developed. The committee meets on a quarterly basis, and I am pleased to say that we are now getting our drains emptied, the gullies are cleared, and during the winter months we received our gritting bags in preference to many other villages.

I have attended the Poynton LAP meetings, putting forward our case for speed cameras in the village, a pedestrian crossing in front of the school, and if possible, traffic lights on Reed Bridge. Whilst the probability of these items taking place is currently remote, due to financial constraints, regardless they are on the list, and keep being reviewed at each meeting.

Finally, I would like to thank all councillors for their sterling efforts in helping out at our various functions, attending council meetings, and essentially being there as and when required by the community.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT on the Parish Council's Accounts for year ending 31st March 2014.

We set out at the beginning of the year with the rationale of giving value for money, and to achieve this, we sort to make the precept equate to the running costs of the hall, and I am pleased to say that we have achieved this, as can be seen below. The precept for the year was £7,500, and the Hall running costs are below:

Utilities £1,510; Cleaning £1,252; Clerking £2,246; Insurance £1,422; Sundries £1,017; a total of £7,447.

Any Hall maintenance is met by letting income, and in the year maintenance costs were £3,480 against letting income of £3,382. Major improvements or capital works will be met from donations made by the Kettleshulme Entertainment Committee from any surplus's generated from the various functions they hold at the village Hall, and by applying for any appropriate grants available.

Regretfully, as I mentioned in my Chairman's report our application for funding from the National Lottery was unsuccessful, albeit we got to the final round. However, using the knowledge gleaned in completing that application, we are now applying to new sources and hope to be more successful.

With regard to the funds we have raised to-date, we are looking to have full double glazing throughout the hall, which will reduce our heating costs, and also help alleviate the condensation problems we experience when we hold an energetic dance or functions, and in addition we would also like to fully refurbish the kitchen and its facilities. These works are planned to take place during the summer months. Care has to be taken with the timing of these activities, as once we have commenced work where there is a chance of grant assistance; we would be unable to make a claim for that particular element of the work.

Moving forward to 2014, we have maintained the precept at the 2013 level of £7,500 and with prudent financial management, we hope to report at least a break even position this time next year.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CHAIRMANS REPORT

No matters arising were raised.

PARISH MATTERS – an opportunity for residents to raise issues

No issues were raised by those present.

Meeting closed at 19.12pm

Chairman

Dated