Claybrooke Magna Parísh Councíl

MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on THURSDAY, 12th May 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Nicholas Reseigh, Chairman Cllr Michael Lenihan Cllr Robin Deacon

Mr Peter Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

Mr Brian Fowler, Resident

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were given by Cllr Jan Butcher and Cllr Rosita Page, District & County Councillor.

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held on 12th May 2015

The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of proceedings and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the last Annual Meeting

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st March 2016

The year has been a challenging one, especially with the lack of a fifth Parish Councillor, resulting in one or two inquorate meetings; however we have managed to deal with the following issues:

Provided a defibrillator for the Village and arranged two training sessions, resulting in a good number of residents now trained in the use of the machine and in CPR.

Dealt with an occurrence of graffiti at the bus stop.

Took part in a multi-parish organised opposition against a planning application to hugely expand the size of Magna Park, which was unfortunately passed by HDC; there are two more applications still to be determined and we will continue in our opposition to these in 2016.

Organised a skateboard park event over several days for the youth of the village with the aid of a grant; this was very successful and we will be repeating it this year.

Pressed ahead with our opposition to the planners' proposal to make Magna a Selected Rural Village;our arguments have been rejected by HDC and an approach to the Ombudsman has probably been premature, but we will continue to press our case once the Local Plan is in a more advanced stage.

Provided a salt/grit bin.

Found a resident who is willing to continue with the grasscutting now that Mr Coe has retired.

Pressed for action over a spate of accidents on the A5; this will continue.

Had a successful litter-pick

I attended, with the Clerk and Cllr Deacon, the Annual Parish Liaison Event in January.

Finally can I thank all my colleagues and Peter for all the hard work they have undertaken during the year.

Nick Reseigh Chairman

Cllr Lenihan then thanked the Chairman for his hard work over the last 12 months.

Election of Chairman for the year 2016/17

It was proposed by Cllr Deacon, seconded by Cllr Lenihan and unanimously agreed that Cllr Nick Reseigh be elected Chairman for 2016/7.

Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2016/7

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Lenihan and unanimously agreed that Cllr Rob Deacon be elected Vice Chairman for the year 2016/7.

Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer for the year 2016/7

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Lenihan and agreed that Mr Peter Jones be appointed Responsible Financial Officer for the year 2016/7

Appointment of Internal Auditor for the year 2016/17.

It was proposed by Cllr Deacon, seconded by Cllr Lenihan and agreed that Mr Ralph Horton of Husbands Bosworth be appointed Internal Auditor for the year 2015/6.

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016

The Clerk presented and explained the Annual Accounts for the year 2015/6, which were unanimously approved by the Parish Council and the Annual Return was signed by the Chairman.

Report on the work of the Alderman Newton Charity

Mr Brian Fowler presented a short report on the work of the Charity over the last 12 months. A copy is attached to the Minutes.

Report on the work of the Marc Smith Charity

A report had been received on the work of the Charity over the last 12 months and a copy is attached to the Minutes.

Report on the work of the Claybrooke Burial Board

A report had been received on the work of the Board over the last 12 months and a copy is attached to the minutes.

Any Other Business.

There were no further items put forward.

The meeting concluded at 8.00 pm.