

Claybrooke Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of a MEETING

held on THURSDAY, 11th May 2017
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Nicholas Reseigh, Chairman
Cllr Robin Deacon, Vice Chairman
Cllr Jo-Ann Allcoat
Cllr Jan Butcher
Cllr Michael Lenihan

Mr Peter Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

Mr Brian Fowler & Mrs Margaret Milnes, residents

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Rosita Page, District & County Councillor

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held on 12th May 2016

The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of proceedings and had been signed by the Chairman at the meeting on 11TH August 2016.

Matters Arising from the last Annual Meeting

There were no matters arising.

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

- Busiest 12 month period we've known – we've either undertaken, repeated or responded to more situations and events than ever – a far cry from when some of us started, when it seemed all you had to deal with was the odd new conservatory, who cut the grass and the occasional coffee morning notice. I suspect I'm remembering through rose-coloured specs, though.
- I'd like to take a moment to thank all of you for your commitment – we all know there have been times when it has all seemed a bit much. In particular, I'd like to thank
 - Jan for her organisation of the Barrister, on whose opinion we rely heavily in ongoing disputes with HDC, as well as her drafting of our collegiate objection to the latest housing development – a great piece of work
 - Jo-Ann for applying to become a Parish Councillor; her excellent newsletter – since “no good deed goes unpunished” I am hoping there'll be more where that came from – it met with universal approval and gave the village some sense of what we do and what's coming up.
 - Rob for his unstinting work on the playground – there have been at least 2 massive pallets of bark together with a new gatepost and a rehung gate that he's undertaken; work that urgently needed doing
 - Mike for organising and overseeing, yet again, the successful skatepark, and of being responsible for the design and procurement of the new village signs – again met with universal approval
 - Peter for working quietly behind the scenes, ensuring the smooth running of the PC, and, additionally this year, jumping in and learning the ropes of the new website, transferring much of the relevant old content across
- In addition, there have been many other endeavours which have, or will, bear fruit; traffic calming measures have been approved between Magna & Parva, and while they might not go as far as we'd like – yet – they're a good step in the right direction. The Annual Litter Pick was well attended and proved, yet again, that it's a necessary part of the Council calendar

Thanks again – and we can hope that this year will turn out to have represented a high-water mark in terms of what we have had to respond to. This optimism is of course completely out of character for me, but a little self-delusion is sometimes comforting....

**Nick Reseigh
Chairman**

Cllr Deacon then thanked the Chairman for his hard work and excellent leadership over the last 12 months.

Election of Chairman for the year 2017/18

It was proposed by Cllr Lenihan, seconded by Cllr Deacon and unanimously agreed that Cllr Nick Reseigh be elected Chairman for 2017/18.

Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2017/18

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Lenihan and unanimously agreed that Cllr Rob Deacon be elected Vice Chairman for the year 2017/8.

Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer for the year 2017/18

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Deacon and agreed that Mr Peter Jones be appointed Responsible Financial Officer for the year 2017/18.

Appointment of Internal Auditor for the year 2017/18 .

It was proposed by Cllr Lenihan, seconded by Cllr Deacon and agreed that Mr Ralph Horton of Husbands Bosworth be appointed Internal Auditor for the year 2017/18.

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017

The Clerk presented and explained the Annual Accounts for the year 2016/17, and it was proposed by Cllr Lenihan and seconded by the Chairman and agreed unanimously that they be approved and adopted 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 7.45 pm.