

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FINNINGLEY, ON  
TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017 AT 7PM

PRESENT: Cllrs R Johnson (Chairman), W Bedford, Mrs C Sheriff, Mrs C Styring and B Worsfold  
Mrs J Leighton-Eshelby – Clerk  
Mr Roy Hattersley

**1. TO RECEIVE/ACCEPT APOLOGIES** – All members of the Parish Council were present.

**2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

In April 2016 we were all excited about the new Pavilion which was to be completed by the end of August. Sadly, I have to report that, despite a number of revised completion dates, the pavilion is still not ready for use. We are extremely disappointed with the progress made by the Developer and are currently trying to remedy the situation. We have engaged a solicitor to guide us through the somewhat tortuous legal processes but as yet the problem is not resolved. On a brighter note the tennis courts have been completely refurbished and are available for use.

Last year I stated our aim was "to provide the services and actions necessary to meet local needs and improve the quality of life and wellbeing of the community". We continue to keep residents informed through our Newsletter (although April edition so far not produced) and our website (our thanks to Steve Sheriff for his work on that). We also continue to carry out our quarterly "walkabouts" reporting issues to DMBC for attention and our tree maintenance program for those trees for which we are responsible. We also continue, through members, to play a role in the maintenance of the playing fields, liaison with the Airport, active membership of the Community Liaison Group monitoring "Fracking" in Misson and the management and upkeep of the Village Hall.

For the second year we have held our Parish Precept at a 0% increase (actually -0.3%) – so the overall 3.7% increase in Council Tax this year is due to increases made by DMBC (2%), The South Yorkshire Police (3.3%), South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Services (2%) and the extra funding of 2% allowed to DMBC by Government for Adult Social Care.

Again it is disappointing that we have failed to make any progress with the provision of Allotments, we will continue to work on this in 2017-18.

Regrettably two members of the Parish Council have resigned recently. I would like to thank Jane Tuff and Isabel Batunas for their contribution over the past 2 years, we will miss them both. There is a procedure to follow that will either result in an election for the two places or the opportunity for the Council to co-opt two new members. If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please pass on their name and contact details to any of the remaining members.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Council and Julie our Clerk for their regular attendance at Parish Council meetings and other meetings at which they represent the Council. They all work hard on behalf of the Council and the community; we are very fortunate to have them.

**3. ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH**

Mr Roy Hattersley spoke about the amount of fly tipping on Old Bawtry Road. It was noted that the offender has been identified and this has been reported to both the police and DMBC.

Chairman: