

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD MONDAY 8TH
MAY 2017, AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT; Councillors Mr Paul Holliday (Chairman); Mr Roger Cairns; Mr Derick Hollis; Mr. Stephen Concannon; Miss Helen Foster; Mr Vic Whitehouse and Mr Brian Duncombe (Clerk)

There were 2 members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies had been received from the Police. No Declarations of Interest were registered.

2. 2016/17 ANNUAL RETURN

Copies of the Receipts & Payments account and the Bank Reconciliation were distributed to all present, which need to be with the External auditors by 17th June.

No questions were asked to the Clerk of these accounts

3. POLICE REPORT

Although not present they had sent in the April crime figures, 4 in total.

1xTheft of a trailer-2xTheft from a vehicle -3x Theft from other than a dwelling-4xTheft of a trailer. All these crime details had been filed.

The Police commented that during March there had been a number of thefts and burglaries of garages and sheds across the Valley beat area, and asked residents to make secure all outbuildings. Noted.

4. ALLOTMENT RENTS

At this meeting the rents are reviewed for the 3 allotment sites. In view of there being 3/4 empty plots it was proposed and resolved the rents remain at £20 per year, £10 in the first year. These sites are subsidised by the Parish Council to the tune of £90 year

Allotment problems - Following calls from a local resident on Station Hill, the Chairman had looked at the problem concerning her complaints, and taken photographs. These were that allotment holders had verbally confronted her after she complained that rubbish was being thrown into the brook, some onto her property. The brook had been blocked at times and she had cleared the blockage!! After discussion it was resolved the Clerk writes to the plot holders on the Deepdale site when he sends out this years bills, pointing out the complaints and asking them to keep their side of the brook tidy, and not use it as a rubbish dump. It must be mentioned that the resident at Number 15 Station Hill had not been involved or seen any the above.

A local resident had been in touch with Stephenson College, who had expressed an interest in having 2/3 plots on the Station Hill site, as a Community Garden. They are to visit the site in about 2 weeks time to discuss the project further.

It was also mentioned about having some seating in the allotments especially if Stephenson College students are to get involved.

There being no further business the Annual Parish Meeting was declared closed at 7:30pm.

BRIAN DUNCOMBE - Clerk

12th May 2017