



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Primary School

- **Members Present: Cllrs Deans (Chair), Lindsay (Vice Chair), Dale, Fern, Matusiak, Morphet, Sample**

Members of the Public: 6

Apologies: Cllr Yarwood, Wray

- It was resolved (1705/01) to approve and that Cllr Yarwood would sign the Minutes of the meeting held on May 16, 2016 as a true and correct record.
- **Chair's Report** - The Chair, Cllr Deans gave the following report:-
 - May 2016 saw our long serving chair Stuart Yarwood retire, and me elected as Chair alongside Andy Lindsay as Vice Chair. To mark Stuart's huge contribution, he was presented with a inscribed tankard expressing our thanks.
 - A meeting was called in June of all the clubs /groups in the parish to share news and views of what was happening in the area. Of particular note was the perilous state of the building used by the Pre-school, and we heard of the on-going fundraising that was happening to protect the education of the youngest in our community.
 - We received very disappointing news that the government determined to allow the planning application for 190 houses and B1 development on the A50 just south of Dunkirk Farm. But many were relieved when the application to build 49/29 houses just south of Brereton Green was withdrawn.
 - During this year the council has run training sessions in using our neighbourhood plan to help in decision making on all planning application in the parish. We have also called on professional planning advice from John Knight, and we are particularly grateful to the vice chair Andy Lindsay for the considerable amount of time and effort he has put into leading our work on planning
 - We have spent time assessing our priorities within the council; among these were speed of traffic and the installation of SIDS, improvement of broadband, better communication with in the parish. The parish web site is now well established, and the parish has now put in two defibrillators with 24/7 access. We are grateful to Shirley Harrison and Geoff Spillsbury for volunteering to be the parish defibrillator guardians.

In conclusion I would like to thank our clerk for her support and forbearance; and the parish council members who give their talents and time freely to this community. I can only hope the community appreciates your efforts.

And finally, my thanks to our Ward Councillor John Wray, for although having to spread himself very thinly, does manage to attend our meetings, and for that we are grateful.

- **Parish Resolutions** - none received.
- **Guest Speakers** –.Helen Mulford, from Brereton Pre-School introduced herself as the new Chair of the Committee replacing Kirsty Dunning. The current pre-school building was opened in 1986 and is now 36 years old and in need of replacement. A crowd funder campaign has been started, along with various fund raising activities but they are still a long way off target. They are hoping to replace the current pre-fabricated building with a larger one. Costs are expected to be around £30k and local businesses have been asked and offered to help with groundworks etc. The new building hopes to offer a Toddler group, wrap around care and places for preschool up to reception children increasing numbers from 14 to 25 a session. The aim is to have this project completed within the next 12 months. The Chair thanked the speaker and invited her back to a future Annual Parish Meeting.

Open Forum – a member of the public stated that Cheshire East Planning still do not advise neighbouring residents of all planning applications.

- a resident complained of the operators at the Arclid Household Waste Site operating out of hours and lorries being overloaded with debris being left in the land.
- The state of the path and flooding on Newcastle Road North was also raised.
- It was suggested that the Parish Council have a regular section in the Chronicle series.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the Annual Parish Meeting

Signed:
Jane Deans - Chair

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