

MINUTES OF THE STOKE ALBANY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd MAY 2017 AT 8.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

1 Present

Councillors: D Benson (Chairman), V Green and B Squires.

In Attendance:

Mrs J Medwell – Clerk
Kettering Borough Councillor D Howes
PCSO Paul Miller.

Apologies: Cllrs Wallace and Heggs, County Cllr Allan Matthews

2 Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 2016

The minutes were approved as a correct record and it was **Resolved** that they be signed.

3 The Annual Report of the Parish Council 2016-17

The Chairman thanked all Councillors and representatives for their help and support during the year.

Planning

The Council considered 8 planning applications in the 12 months to May 2017, of which 5 were private and 3 commercial. The Council has also considered Kettering Borough Council's "Part 2 Local Plan" which has identified sites for 2 large planning developments within the village, and has responded with objections on a number of grounds, mainly including road safety.

Highways

Roads and highways remain high at the top of the Council's list of priorities. In the last 12 months the Council has been concerned with:

- Repairs to the bridge wall on the Ashley Road;
- Monitoring and reporting of overgrowth and litter;
- Speed monitoring (including the use of a portable warning sign);
- Horse Riding warning signs (in conjunction with Wilbarston PC);
- The ongoing and worrying problem of potholes.

Special Projects

The Council has recently decided to install an emergency defibrillator for public use in the disused telephone box opposite the Top Green. This will be funded and maintained by the Council

4 A Financial Report of the Parish Council 2016/17

The Clerk presented the financial statement at 31st March 2017 (see attached). There were no significant areas of expenditure for 2016/17.

5 Reports

Village Hall Annual Report

2016/17 has been yet another busy and successful year for the Village Hall, and big thanks are due to the Committee for all their time, energy and hard work in maintaining this valuable facility on behalf of the Village.

The annual "Music on The Green" fund-raiser was well-attended as always, with bar support kindly supplied by Mark Kempe and his team at the White Horse Inn. The Hall also hosted an extremely successful fund-raising "Tea At The Albany Ritz".

The Hall's profits this year have enabled us to fit a long overdue new kitchen as well as maintaining the hall to a high standard.

We are fortunate to have such an attractive village hall in such a lovely location and we would encourage villagers to hire it for their social events. Anyone willing to give a little time to serve on the village hall committee would be most welcome.

Please Note: The committee is in desperate need of some 'muscle' to help set up 'Music on the Green' this year. Without it the event will be in jeopardy.

Villagers are asked to please keep a vigilant eye on the Hall when it's unoccupied, to help reduce the likelihood of vandalism, fly-tipping, or other anti-social activity in the vicinity.

6 Local Issues

There were no local issues raised.

The meeting closed at 8-22 pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

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