

ALTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Parish Meeting, Coronation Hall,
Alton Barnes, 7.00, 22nd May, 2014

- Present:** Steve Hepworth, Peter Emery, Jayne Drew, Polly Carson, Kate Fielden, Ben Owen, Robert Carpenter Turner,
Apologies: Jenni Frost. In attendance: Councillor Paul Oatway
- 018/14** **Election of Chairman:** Steve Hepworth, having indicated that he was prepared to continue as Chairman, was proposed by Robert Carpenter Turner, seconded Polly Carson. Agreed nem. con. Steve Hepworth then took the chair.
- 019/14** **Election of vice-Chairman:** Peter Emery agreed to serve for a further year. Proposed PC, seconded RCT, agreed nem. con.
- 020/14** **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous AGM on May 9, 2013 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- 021/14** **Matters arising not covered by the agenda:** None
- 022/14** **Chairman's report:** SH summarised the work during the year. This included Speed Watch checks; road improvements at Alton Priors and elsewhere; flood prevention; many planning applications, some contested, and one breach of planning; attempts to establish a bylaw to control parking at Workway Drove; representations on bus services, Wiltshire Core Strategy and other issues; the Alton Village Design Statement, now adopted by Wiltshire Council; and meetings with key personnel including Claire Perry MP. The summary demonstrated "a local parish council hard at work for its community". SH thanked PC members and officers, all volunteers, and also Councillor Oatway for his help and advice. Finally, his report voiced regret at the resignation of Jayne Drew from the parish council after 10 years of commitment and much-valued contributions. All members joined in thanking Jayne and saying how sorry they were that she is leaving. The full text of the report is attached as an annexe.
- 023/14** **Treasurer's report:** In the absence of Jenni Bickerdyke, Responsible Finance Officer, this item was postponed.
- 024/14** **Dates of next AGM and Parish Council meetings for the year:** The Chairman proposed the next AGM should be on May 14, 2015. Scheduled pc meetings on July 17, September 25, November 6 and, next year, January 15 and April 2. Additional meetings to be called *ad hoc* as required. All meetings at the Coronation Hall at 7.30pm, except the AGM at 7pm. Agreed nem. con.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 7.14pm
