

ALTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Parish Meeting, Coronation Hall,
Alton Barnes, 7.00, 11th May, 2017

- Present:** Ben Owen, Peter Emery, Steve Hepworth, Robert Carpenter Turner, Alex Oliver, Mike Golden, Debby Lester (RFO), Charles Reiss (Clerk). In attendance: Councillor Paul Oatway. Apologies: Polly Carson.
- 049/17** **Election of Chairman:** Steve Hepworth confirmed that after six years as Chairman he was in need of a break. Peter Emery thanked him for his service, saying he had done an amazing job. Ben Owen, having indicated that he was willing to serve, was proposed as Chair by Steve Hepworth, seconded Peter Emery. Agreed unanimously.
- 050/17** **Election of Vice-Chairman:** Peter Emery agreed to serve for a further year. Proposed SH, seconded Alex Oliver. Agreed unanimously.
- 051/17** **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous AGM on May 19, 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- 052/17** **Matters arising not covered by the agenda:** None.
- 053/17** **Chairman's report:** Steve Hepworth, outgoing Chairman, reported a busy year including some 27 meetings attended. Planning applications remained contentious with positive outcomes achieved for Fernbank and for the Honeystreet Wharf complex. There had been progress on highways and speeding issues and a defibrillator was now installed at the Coronation Hall. Finances were more resilient but costs and other pressures were likely to increase. The full text of Chairman's and Treasurer's reports is attached as an annexe and on the Parish website.
- 054/17** **Treasurer's report:** Debby Lester, Responsible Financial Officer, reported a small surplus of £422 at the end of the year to March 31, the balance rising to £9,159. The precept, increased from £4,000 to £5,000 in 2015, was held unchanged. The annual governance statement was signed by the Chair and the Clerk. The accounting statements were approved and signed.
- 055/17** **Dates of next AGM and Parish Council meetings for the year:** Next AGM proposed May 10, 2018. Scheduled pc meetings July 13, September 14, November 9 and, next year, January 11, March 8. Additional meetings *ad hoc* as required. All at the Coronation Hall 7.30pm, except the AGM at 7pm. Agreed nem. con.

Concluding the meeting Ben Owen, as new Chairman, thanked Steve Hepworth and the Parish Council officers for their work over the year.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 7.20pm
