

ALTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Parish Meeting, Coronation Hall,
Alton Barnes, 7.00, 14th May, 2015

- Present:** Steve Hepworth, Peter Emery, Polly Carson, Ben Owen, Robert Carpenter Turner, Alex Oliver, Deborah (Debby) Lester
Apologies: none. In attendance: Councillor Paul Oatway
- 035/15** **Election of Chairman:** Peter Emery, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanked Steve Hepworth for all his hard work as Chairman over the past year. Having indicated that he was prepared to continue as Chairman, Steve Hepworth was proposed by Robert Carpenter Turner, seconded Polly Carson. Agreed nem. con. He then took the chair.
- 036/15** **Election of Vice-Chairman:** Peter Emery agreed to serve for a further year. Proposed RCT, seconded Alex Oliver, agreed nem. con.
- 037/15** **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous AGM on May 22, 2014 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- 038/15** **Matters arising not covered by the agenda:** None.
- 039/15** **Chairman's report:** SH summarised the work during the year, including Speed Watch ; flood prevention; action on the Great Stones Way; liaison with the Canal and River Trust; continued maintenance of the playground, the White Horse and the RAF memorial at Alton Barnes; and a difficult decision to raise the precept to meet future obligations. SH thanked PC members and officers, all volunteers, and also Councillor Oatway for his help and advice. Finally, his report offered thanks to Kate Fielden, who has recently resigned. Her planning knowledge and attention to detail will be much missed. Full text of Chairman's and Treasurer's reports, is attached as an annexe.
- 040/15** **Treasurer's report:** Debby Lester, Responsible Financial Officer, reported a slightly increased year-end surplus, up from £2260.72 to £2921.67. Precept for the year was £2400, up £150 from the previous year. Proposed Steve Hepworth, seconded Peter Emery, that the report be accepted: agreed. DL further reported that the annual audit had been carried out by Arthur Johnson. As required, she put a series of questions regarding the audit to pc members. Each was answered satisfactorily. Having been approved by the Parish Council as a body, the audit was signed by the Chairman and by the Clerk.
- 041/15** **Dates of next AGM and Parish Council meetings for the year:** The Chairman proposed next AGM May 19, 2016. Scheduled pc meetings July 16, September 24, November 5 and, next year, January 14 and

pc AGM minutes 14.5.15

March 10. Additional meetings *ad hoc* as required. All at the Coronation Hall 7.30pm, except the AGM at 7pm. Agreed nem. con.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 7.16pm