

# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD BY ROMSEY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL AT WOODLEY VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, ROMSEY ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016 AT 7.30PM.**

## **ACTION**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: Chris Wesson (Chairman), Dorothy Baverstock, Andy Carter, Teresa Hibberd, Sue Tippet & Peter Westbrook. Borough Councillor: Ian Hibberd. The Clerk: Carol McFarland. Lady Brabourne & Richard Jordan-Baker, Broadlands (speaker). Romsey Town Council: Cllr Mark Cooper & Mark Edgerley Town Centre Manager. Stroud School Head Joel Worrall along with and approx. 25 members of the public were present.

**APOLOGIES:** Parish Councillors: Karen Dunleavey. Romsey MP: Caroline Nokes MP. County Councillor: Roy Perry. Borough Councillor: Alison Johnston. Test Valley Mayor Cllr Iris Andersen, Rev Tim Sledge Romsey Abbey, Marianne Piggin TVBC, Doris Bunting, John Chambers Tree Warden, Sally Leach, John Parker, Halterworth School, Mrs McIlroy Mountbatten School, Ange Moon Romsey CAB, Richard & Elizabeth Pratt (St Swithun's Church).

1. **MINUTES:** of the last meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

## **2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The Chairman opened by welcoming everyone. The Chairman went on to explain that following the election in 2015 the council had 4 new councillors. Further he paid tribute to John Parker who was not returned to the council, and thanked him in his absence for his long service on Romsey Extra Parish Council of nearly 30 years and wished him well on the Town Council. The individual parish councillors present each gave a short summary of their activities and responsibilities over the past year. The Chairman gave a presentation on the Annual Report 2015/16 of the Parish Council. The full Annual Report is attached (Appendix A). The Chairman thanked the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their support over the past year. Further he thanked Phoebe Merrick for her history contributions in the parish newsletter.

## **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nothing reported.

## **4. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2015/16**

The Clerk started by confirming that the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2015 were approved by both the internal auditor and the External Auditors, BDO. She followed by reporting on the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016. A provisional end of year balance of £33,765.46 was reported and it was stressed that these figures were still provisional and would be finalised in May followed by an Internal Audit whereupon they would be published.

## **5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR / BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

The Clerk told the meeting that Roy Perry County Councillor had given a written report which was in the packs given out. Borough Councillor Ian Hibberd gave a brief summary of his responsibilities over the past year.

## **6. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME**

- Rod Simpson, Chairman Woodley Village Hall – thanked the Parish for carrying out the landscape maintenance around the hall, as it is under no obligation to do so. The Parish Council took over the task when the hall was not able to do it. He went on to thank the Parish Council for the works to the front of the hall; there was now an improved image for the front of the hall – new porch, signage.
- Roy Black of Highwood Lane told the meeting that the Solar Farm at Warren Farm originally proposed by Solstice Renewables was now being run by Unesco. Further he went on to say the

new traffic calming on Highwood Lane was not robust, with no provision at these points for walkers, riders and cyclists. Also, nothing had been done to address the HGVs using the lane. The Clerk to pass on these comments to Hampshire County Council.

- Phoebe Merrick – gave praise for the work done to the roundabouts; she asked when Gangers attracted the s – the Chairman apologised for the extra s in his presentation. Lastly, she pointed out that some signage was required on Sandy Lane when approached from the Abbotswood development. The Clerk to pass onto Highways.
- A resident asked what had happened to the gate at the corner on Ganger Farm – it had been removed and a lot of trees had been cut down.

The formal meeting closed at 8.25pm. Richard Jordan-Baker, Director of Estates, Broadlands for Hampshire gave a very informative and entertaining presentation "*The Good, The Bad & The Ugly*" on *Broadlands*. The Chairman thanked Richard and Lady Brabourne for attending. Lastly, he thanked the public for attending. Afterwards light refreshments were served.