

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD
6.30 P.M. TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2015
IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, MILKEN LANE, ASHOVER

PRESENT

Councillors E Willmot (Chairman), N Early (Chairman of Finance), W Armitage,
Mrs C Brocksopp, S Dronfield, Mrs R Early, R Fidler, C Miller
Mrs S Atkinson (Parish Clerk)
Members of the public – 2

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 27 May 2014

To receive Minutes and, subject to any changes necessary, to propose and second same for approval as a correct record.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 27 May 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman of the Parish Council presented his Annual Report for 2014/2015, this would be reproduced in the Annual Report of the Council, which would be circulated to all households in the parish in June 2015.

The Chairman highlighted current parish issues relating to planning applications and proposals under the draft Local Plan 2011-2031 put forward by North East Derbyshire District Council, together with progress being made by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group towards the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for Ashover Parish. The Steering Group anticipated a Public Consultation event early in summer 2015, when the draft plan would be presented for consideration by the parish.

The Chairman thanked the Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd. for granting funds which supported the installation of the new fitness training unit on the sports field, together with its support in funding the Christmas Event.

The Chairman thanked District Councillor Peter Ramshaw, who would not be seeking re-election as the Ashover Ward Representative, and wished him well in his retirement. The Chairman thanked all Council Members and staff for the work undertaken over the past year.

Resolved: That the Chairman's Annual Report for 2014/15 be received.

3. Statement of Accounts year ended 31 March 2015

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Cllr N Early, presented the Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015. The Chairman of Finance gave an overview of the receipts and payments over the past year and highlighted the increase in the precept for 2015/2016 of £3,000, this being due to an anticipated election in May 2015. It was noted that this increase for the elections is included under the cost centre for 'Administration'. Wherever possible, grant aid had been sought for projects undertaken by the Parish Council, including production of a

Neighbourhood Plan, so as to relieve financial burden on the precept, and thereby the council tax payer.

Resolved: That the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 be received.

4. Open Forum

A member of the public expressed concern at the proposal for new housing on Narrowleys Lane and the congestion already experienced along the lane at certain times of day. An overview of the Neighbourhood Plan was given by the Chairman of the Steering Group, Cllr R Fidler.

The Lengthman thanked volunteers and especially Richard Felton, for the help he had received in litter picking around the parish. He also asked about training for use of the proposed defibrillators to be sited around the parish by Ashover Medical Centre Ltd. The Chairman responded that training would not be necessary, as guidance would be given by the emergency services at the point of use. Details of sites and what to do in the event of an emergency would be advertised locally.

Councillors present thanked the Chairman, Cllr E Willmot, for continuing to lead the Council in an efficient and effective way, and for the voluntary time spent in dealing with parish issues.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.00 P.M.