

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## **Draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Ranmore Room on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7:30pm**

Councillors present: J. Brown (JB), G. Clark, D. Ireland (DI - Chairman), J. Kinloch, A. MacNaughton, (AM), D. Ottridge.

In attendance: MVDC Cllr. D. Irvine, T. Haylett (Parish Council Clerk)

Members of public in attendance: M. Flint (MF) and E. Flint, R. Roberts-Miller (RR-M), A. Wood, F. Taylor (FT), A. Ireland, H. Bourne (HB), S. Parfitt (SP).

### **1) Formalities**

(354) Minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were agreed and signed by DI.

### **2) Matters arising from the Minutes**

(355) AM said that a neighbour had requested he raise the need for yellow lines to be installed to prevent people parking from Ryka's Café on the left-hand side of the B2209 road almost as far north as Fredley Park. JB said that yellow lines were also needed where the bus stop was situated opposite the Running Horses in Old London Road. DIrvine agreed to investigate.

### **3) Annual Report for 2015-16**

(356) DI presented his Annual Report, reviewing the past year and highlighting the progress that had been made. The Children's Playground Committee had been hugely successful in obtaining grants totalling almost £60,000 to replace equipment at the Children's Recreation Ground. The PC's website went live in June 2015, thanks to the considerable efforts of former chairman RR-M, and had been well received. Some progress had been made with the issue of slow broadband speeds but it was an ongoing process. The precept (the PC's share of Council Tax) was not increased for 2015-16 and the year ended with a positive balance in reserve for contingencies. It had been found necessary to employ a Clerk after a few years without one and that, along with various increased expenditures, meant that it had been necessary to increase the precept for 2016-17. The report was approved and will appear in full in the June edition of the Parish Magazine.

### **4) Other matters affecting the Parish**

(357) Playground Trustees SP and HB gave a presentation of the plans for the area and explained that the new playground should be ready for the new school year in September. DI thanked them for the huge amount of effort they had put in.

(358) MF explained that she was attempting to obtain broadband speeds for all the postcodes in the community in response to the Superfast Surrey State Aid Public Consultation. DI thanked her for her continuing hard work.

(359) FT raised the matter of the hazardous condition of Swanworth Lane and it was agreed that DI and DIrvine would attempt to ascertain the ownership of the Lane.

(360) FT also raised the matter of the frequency of accidents on the northbound A24 just near the bends, caused by an unusually large gap in the hedging. DIrvine agreed to investigate further with SCC.

The Meeting closed at 8:18pm