

The **Annual Parish Meeting** was advertised to be held on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7.30 p.m. The only attendee was former Councillor Mrs. J. Hammond, and therefore the meeting did not take place.

Minutes of the **Annual Meeting of Gunthorpe Parish Council**, held on 16th May, 2019 at 7.32 p.m. in the Village Institute, Gunthorpe.

Present: A. J. Everitt (Chairman), R. Broughton and A.S. Poole (Parish Councillors); Mrs. J. Hammond; and the Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from S. Aquarone (County Councillor), and R. Kershaw (District Councillor).

1. Election of Chairman:- Alwyn Everitt was re-appointed as the Council Chairman. Richard Broughton was appointed vice-Chairman. Changes were noted to Councillors' registers of interest, and declarations of acceptance of office were obtained by the Clerk.
2. Co-option of a Councillor: Joanna Hammond was re-appointed as a Parish Councillor. There were still three vacancies and it was hoped that these could be filled at the next meeting.
3. Accounts:- The Clerk submitted a receipts and payments account for the year ending 31st March 2019 and it was agreed that the Chairman should sign the Annual Return.
4. Village Charities. As no-one from Gunthorpe was present it was left until the next meeting for a representative to be appointed by the Council. The Council's Bale charity representative, Mr. Everitt, did not have any information to produce.
5. District Councillor: Ann Green had not been re-elected. The Clerk was asked to thank her for all her work for the Council. The newly elected Councillor could not attend because he was at an NNDC Cabinet meeting.

The meeting was closed at 8.06 p.m. and immediately followed by an ordinary meeting of the Council.

Minutes of a meeting of Gunthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Institute, Gunthorpe on Thursday, 16th May, 2019, at 8.06 p.m. following the annual meeting.

Present: A. Everitt (Chairman), Mrs. J. Hammond, R. Broughton and A.S. Poole (Parish Councillors); and the Clerk.

Apologies for absence had been received from R. Kershaw (newly elected District Councillor), and S. Aquarone (County Councillor).

159. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2019 were approved and signed.

160. County Councillor Steffan Aquarone's report was received.

161. Planning. (a) Applications PF/19/0079 and LA/19/0080 for the conversion of three holiday cottages to one dwelling at White Horse Farm, Gunthorpe, had been approved. (b) A current consultation period concerning the NNDC Local Plan was noted.

162. SAM 2. Data from the speed awareness sign revealed an instance of 65 mph in the centre of Gunthorpe village. Mr. Poole reported that the average speeds were 33 mph. He needed to print the data and was lent the Council's scanner/printer.

163. Highway drainage: Ref. minute item 156 two flooding instances in Gunthorpe had been resolved.

164. Bale dog waste bin. It was agreed that one was required and a purchase price of up to £130, excluding VAT, was determined, although the position for a bin was still to be decided.

165. Parish Council Noticeboard: A new board had been fixed to a wall of an outbuilding at Church House, Bale. Following applications for general advertisements to be displayed, and as the board was lockable, it was resolved not to allow them and to restrict notices to parish items. Ref. minute item 153, a cheque (no. 100462) for £229.20 had been issued on 5th March.

166. Insurance: Consideration was given to a Hiscox renewal premium which was significantly higher than the previous year's. It was agreed to issue a cheque (no. 100466) for £333.74 before 1st June if this amount could not be reduced.

167. Village Institute hiring fee: A cheque (no. 100465) for £20 was issued for the use of the hall.

168. Correspondence: Electronic items relating to the European election on 23rd May, and to the local Police were noted.

169. Next meeting: 8th August in Bale Village Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

[The meeting was closed at 8.55 p.m.]