

Minutes of Foulsham Annual Parish Meeting
held on Wednesday 30th May 2018 at 19:00
in the New Frost Hall

Present: G. Fearn (Chair) R. Hendry S. Stilgoe
P. Slapp K. Hambrook L. Riddett
N. Walker

In attendance: Clerk, A Macnair (Secretary to Foulsham Relief in Need) and members of the public

Apologies: None

001. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 10th May 2017: L Riddett proposed that the minutes be approved, seconded by N. Walker. Motion carried.

002. Chairperson's Report: G. Fearn presented the chairperson's report:

This year we have been fairly busy. We had to say goodbye to Emma, our clerk, who had the opportunity to train in accountancy and, in her place, we have Mike Smith. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Emma for all the hard work she has done in difficult circumstances and would welcome Mike to the P.C. And thank him for the work he has done so far.

We had an organised village litter pick for which I thank the organisers and participants for their sterling efforts.

We have taken on a new gardener to maintain the memorial gardens which we had renovated last year. I would ask that residents of the village respect these gardens as they are for the service men and women who died in the conflicts around the world, and I feel it disrespectful for people to walk over these gardens and, in some cases, drive cars over the beds.

Through negotiation, we have managed to reduce the large electricity bill of the football changing rooms from almost £200 down to £17. The changing rooms have not been used since the football club folded 18 months ago. The good news is that a new club is to be formed and make use of the facilities and hopefully progress through the league. We have repaired the roof and repaired the ceiling where the rain came in and have started to replace the weather board and guttering. We will also give the woodwork a coat of paint where needed.

Over the last year, the grass cutting has not been to the standard which we have been accustomed to. We received a number of complaints from parents that the grass was left too long and the cuttings were left on the ground. We have had two meetings with the person responsible and have been told that we would get the cost reduced. We are still waiting the outcome of this. We will be monitoring the situation during the summer. We asked for the grass cuttings to be removed from the children's area after each cut.

Finally, I would like to thank the Hendry family for supplying the Christmas tree and Paul Lake for putting the Christmas lights on the tree.

The village bus service was not a project which we or the county council had any control over. Hopefully, we may find a solution to the loss of the bus service.

This concludes the chairman's report for 2017/18.

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- 003. New Frost Hall Charman's Report:** G. Fearn read out the report from Mr John McManus.
- 004. Foulsham Relief in Need Report:** A. Macnair read out the report of the Trustees of the Foulsham Relief in Need Charity.
- 005. District Councillor's Report:** No DC report was submitted.
- 006. Any Other Business:** G. Fearn read out the annual police crime report.

Meeting closed at 19:30