

# HUNTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AT HUNTLEY VILLAGE HALL

on TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2018 at 7.45 pm

Present: Cllrs. Alan Wood (Chairman), Dominic Greaves, Mrs Jenny Green, Ian Richards, Robert Watkins, Brian Robinson (County Councillor)

In Attendance: 1 member of the public, Miss A Jones (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed the parish and county councillor.

### Apologies

Cllr. Brian Jones (District Councillor)

**Chairman's Report** - The Chairman stated that it had been a good, but quiet year, with achievements including:

- Improvements to the hard-standing area
- New additional doggie bin
- New Notice Board
- Grass Cutting – all up to standard and looking very tidy.
- No complaints received during the year, only general matters brought to the attention of the council

**Financial Report** - The Clerk provided the financial report for 2017/18 along with a comparison with the previous year. She advised that the council's accounts were now in excellent order, with reserves increasing to cover the future cost of replacement of the play area and possible repairs to play provision. There was no anticipation of an increase in the Precept in the foreseeable future now that the situation is stable. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Report** - There was no Police or PCSO availability, so the Clerk provided copies of the relevant pages from the Forest of Dean Police report. A copy of this information is attached to these minutes

**District Councillor's Report** - Cllr. Brian Jones was not present, and no report was provided by him.

**County Councillor's Report** - Cllr. Robinson reported to the council on the following matters:

- He was pleased to be re-elected the previous May and to be Chair of the Children and Family Scrutiny Committee.
- Children's services had been deemed "inadequate" by Ofsted and several improvements including a new Head of service, new staffing and training had been undertaken since. Ofsted are pleased with the actions but want a faster pace of change. There are currently 600 children in care – a rise of around 30% in 6-7 years.
- Adult social care is the second highest budget and includes an extra specific 2% on the council tax. The county is achieving more care within the home, which is better for people and lower cost. Gloucestershire has been identified as a pilot area for health and social care integration.
- Highways – there will be an extra £150m over the next 4 years but the A40 will not be part of this spend as it is the responsibility of Highways England.
- Locally, there is a £30k budget over 3 years, to assist with community issues – this is a small amount for 10 parishes, but parish councils are invited to request funds if they have a suitable project.
- Lengthsman scheme continues for 2018 – any suitable small jobs to be advised to Cllr. Robinson
- Some footpath funding may be available from his "pot" of funding for local issues – again suggestions to him please.

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#### Parish Council:

Councillors: A S Wood (Chairman); D Greaves; Mrs J Green; J P Rebbeck; I K Richards; R C Watkins

A copy of his report is attached to these minutes.

**Written questions** - There were no written questions

**Suggestions / Questions / General Discussion** - A resident asked about the parish boundary to the west, and it was clarified by councillors. A brief discussion took place regarding issues with road repairs not lasting long enough.

**Conclusion** - The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, thanked all his councillors for their time and efforts over the past year, and the clerk and county councillor for their support, and brought the meeting to a close

Meeting ended at 20.09 hrs

**Certified as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018.**

Signed

Chairman

Date

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