

Tilney St. Lawrence Parish Council

Serving the villages of Tilney St Lawrence, Tilney cum Islington and Tilney Fen End

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** held on the 6th March 2017 at the Village Hall. The Meeting commenced at 7pm.

In attendance:

Parish Councillors: Cllr B Ayres (Chairman), Cllrs. C Ayres, D Calton, P Cullen, J Day, H Greenwood, D Jones, E Jones, C Mills, G Place, J McManus.

Clerk: Mr R Smith

Local Government Electors: Mrs J Crawford.

1. Apologies for Absence:

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Assembly:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Monday 7th 2016 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record by the Chairman.

3. Chairman of the Parish Council's Report:

The Chairman of the Parish Council reported:

The Parish finances were in a strong position and that a sound fiscal policy continued to be employed. There had been a small rise in rates but this had not previously been increased for 6 years. There had been an increase in the number of band D properties in the Parish, which had helped with the finances.

Whilst there had been concern about not being able to attract sufficient councillors to fill vacancies, there had been one recent co-option onto the Council and another one was anticipated to take place soon.

The Chairman expressed thanks to those who had assisted the Parish Council outside of meetings, mentioning Cllr Jerry McManus for the tireless work he had undertaken litter picking around Tilney St. Lawrence.

4. Parish Clubs and Organisations

[Where submitted, a written copy of the reports will be kept in the parish records.]

4.1. Short Mat Bowls

Mrs Crawford read out her report noting there were now 20 people playing.

4.2. Tilney St Lawrence Village Hall Committee

Cllr Cullen read out his report detailing another busy year for the committee.

4.3. Over 60s Welcome Club

Mrs Wright's report was read out in her absence.

4.4. St Lawrence Bowls Club

Cllr Cullen read out his report reporting on an enjoyable and quite successful season.

4.5. Church Report

Cllr Place read out his report

Chairman's signature:

4.6. Dr Punsfer Gift Charity

Cllr Ayres reported on the activities of the charity particularly noting its involvement in the retention of the village Post Office.

4.7. All reports were accepted on block.

5. Open Forum:

There were no requests to discuss any matters under the open forum.

6. Close of Meeting

The Meeting was declared closed at 7.20pm. Cllr Ayres thanked all those who attended and gave reports.