

**MINUTES OF ROWTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 20 MAY 2019**

Present: Cllr Bob Knight
Cllr Glenys Harrison
Cllr Paul Shannon
Cllr Peter Thomas
Cllr Howard Hopwood

In attendance Christine Davies (Clerk)

1 To elect Chair Person and Vice-Chair Person

Nominations for the position of Chair Person were called for:

Cllr Bob Knight proposed Cllr Paul Shannon and this was seconded by Cllr Howard Hopwood– agreed unanimously.

Nominations for the position of Vice-Chair Person were called for:

Cllr Peter Thomas proposed Cllr Howard Hopwood and this was seconded by Cllr Glenys Harrison – agreed unanimously.

2 To receive Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Paul Shannon as Chair Person completed and signed his declaration of acceptance of office and this was also signed by the Clerk.

Cllr Howard Hopwood as Vice-Chair Person completed and signed his declaration of acceptance of office and this was also signed by the Clerk.

The other Councillors signed their Declarations of Acceptance and these were also signed by the Clerk

3 To receive apologies

None

4 To receive Chair's Report

The outgoing Chair presented his report which included the following:-

This is the second year of presenting a chairman's report, as a typical occupancy is for one year, although this is by no means a mandatory requirement. There has been an influx of new councillors over the past couple of years giving sufficient time for new members to settle in before taking on the job of chair. Thanks were extended to former Councillor Doug Jenkins for his keenness in tackling speeding issues. As always, Highway issues have been prominent in council affairs. Problems concerning lighting, drainage, signage, subsidence and the speed and volume of traffic on A41, Moor Lane and Rowton Lane have all been addressed. The Council is a member of the Village Ward Traffic Group and is also engaging with the local Action Group formed to petition for a

pedestrian crossing on the A41. Planning Applications have been largely routine and the Parish Council has continued to support and advise parishioners where they have sought advice/help. The Village Green Working Group is working well in its endeavours to ensure the Green is cut regularly and surrounds kept neat and tidy. The Parish Council organised two social events during the year, a Village Walk, led by local historian David Cummings, and the Carols on the Green, both of which were well attended and much enjoyed. He concluded by thanking the Parish Clerk for her continued efficiency, CWaC Cllr Stuart Parker for his help and support and funding from his Member's Budget for community activities, and to his fellow Councillors for their help and commitment during the past year. The full report can be viewed on the website

www.rowtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Resolved: The Chair's report was accepted unanimously.

5 To receive Financial Report for the year ending 31 March 2019

The Financial Report was received and accepted unanimously by all members which gave a breakdown of income and expenditure for the financial year 2018/19.

The full report can be viewed on the website

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Resolved: The Financial Report was accepted unanimously.

6 To approve schedule of dates for Ordinary Parish Council meetings for the next 12 months.

The following dates were approved:-

Monday 22 July 2019

Monday 09 September 2019

Monday 11 November 2019

Monday 13 January 2020

Monday 09 March 2020

Monday 11 May 2020

7 Open Forum – Questions from Electors

One member of the public was in attendance. The local resident expressed his wish to become a Councillor as they had previous experience on Littleton Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that he could be co-opted onto the Parish Council at the next meeting in July.