

KEEVIL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 p.m.
ON MONDAY 16th MAY 2016

Present: Cllr Jerry Wickham (Chairman), Cllrs Andrea Hunter, Rob Kevan, Myra Link and Geoff West.

In attendance: Cllr Jonathon Seed (WC)
George Goodwin (Clerk)
Mr & Mrs Finch

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Francis Banfield
Cllr Rodney Meatyard
PCSO Helen Wilson
Janet Hopkins
Norman Owen

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report outlining the action taken by the Parish Council over the past 12 months. He thanked all those who had given their time and energy for the benefit of the Village and also those who had given him such support throughout the year.

Cllr Kevan proposed that the Chairman's Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Cllr Hunter and carried unanimously. The report will be submitted for publication in the June/July edition of the Parish Magazine and on the village web site.

3. Accounts 2015/2016

The Clerk introduced the audited Parish Council Accounts for the 2015/2016 Financial Year. Cllr West proposed that the Accounts be accepted. The motion was seconded by Cllr Link and carried unanimously. It was agreed that the Clerk will put a note in the Parish Magazine that copies of the Accounts are available from the Clerk on request or can be downloaded from the village web site. A summary copy of the Accounts will be publicly displayed on the web site as required by the External Auditors.

4. Any Other Business

Cllr Seed gave a brief overview of WC services. He said that WC will have to do more with less as government grants will decline further over the next 4 years but WC will be working to a 4 year budget plan to try to even out the impact of the savings required. Cllr Seed is Chairman of the Melksham Area Board and is the WC Cabinet Member responsible for Housing, Leisure & Libraries and Flood Prevention. He said that WC have resolved the problems associated with the Highways contract and new contractors were taking over responsibility for the various highways functions. The Melksham Campus construction was on track and some parts of it will be operational by the end of this year. He said that it was unlikely that there would be any action on the runway extension at Keevil Airfield in the near future. He finished by saying that he was always available for advice and assistance with regard to WC operations generally and the Area Board specifically. Although grant funding is available from WC for suitable projects it was necessary to mobilise voluntary effort wherever

possible and he cited Wiltshire Libraries as an example. The Parish Councillors thanked Councillor Seed for all his efforts on our behalf.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7:27 p.m.

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