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MEETING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18th MARCH 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE STEYNING CENTRE

Present: Cllrs Northam, Lloyd, Hanson, Muggridge, S. Sullivan, G. Sullivan, Trundle, Toomey, Muncey, Goldsmith and Bowell

Speakers: Mr Roger Brown, Mrs Marion Pickup, Mr Paul Conroy, Dr Alex Holmes.

Clerk: John Fullbrook

Members of the Public: 24

Meeting commenced: 7.30pm

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 29th MARCH 2018** **ACTION**
Cllr Lloyd **proposed**, and Cllr Muncey **seconded** that the minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting. **Agreed**
2. **MATTERS ARISING**
There were no matters outstanding or arising from the last Annual Parish Meeting.
3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
Cllr Lloyd read the committee reports, presented to him by the prospective Chairman. There follows some of the most pertinent points.
 - 3.1 **Planning Committee**
The planning has had a busy year having received 94 planning applications so far which is on average 9 applications per meeting. From the 94 applications that the Parish Council has commented on the District Council has differed in opinion to 13, 11 of these applications were objected to by the Council but permitted by HDC and 2 applications the committee had no objection to were rejected by HDC.
Over the 4 years of the council term there have been 418 planning applications, 20 of which were in the South Downs National Park and considered by the committee. The Parish Council are consultees in the planning process and Horsham district council are the planning authority that make all planning decisions.

3.2 Premises Committee

The Main responsibilities of the Premises committee are to oversee the maintenance and efficient management of various premises owned or operated by Steyning Parish Council. The Council's building assets currently valued for insurance purposes at approx. 2.7 million of which the Steyning Centre community building is valued at 2.1 Million. The committee has arranged for a 're-building' cost assessment to be undertaken in April 2019.

Throughout the course of the current year the premises committee have continued to repair, replace or upgrade facilities as required. The windows in the Coombe Court have been replaced and a larger electric cooker has been installed in the main kitchen. Other changes you might have noticed at the Steyning Centre include a new and improved coffee machine, new signage, new flooring in the toilet as well as new curtains and blinds in some rooms. Other work that is less visible and probably more important include a biannual legionella risk assessment, Annual Electrical testing and fire alarm service. All insuring that our premises remain safe for staff and visitors.

We are grateful to Cllr Muncey for the preliminary work she did on preparing a funding bid to Rampion and I am pleased to report we were successful in our bid for £5000 towards the cost of efficient LED lighting which will be installed over the next few months.

Our thanks to Steyning and District partnership and the Steyning Greening group for their crucially important support for this application.

3.3 Amenities Committee

Support for our local sports teams is high on the agenda; we have many successful teams in the community with Cricket, Bowls and Football continuing to be especially popular. We will shortly have a basketball / netball court on the MPF thanks to the very warm generosity of the Wilson Memorial trust. They are also providing an adult exercise equipment area on Fletcher's Croft and both should be ready by early summer. We are very fortunate to have such a group in our community. In addition, we just completed the replacement of the play equipment in the children's play area in Fletcher Croft within the last 2 weeks.

Youth service provision including clubs at the Cuthman Centre continues providing a safe environment for young people to gather and socialise. We recently suffered the loss of the existing service provider but thanks to the quick response of the youth committee we have been able to find a replacement quickly ensuring no loss of service provision, once again they have done an excellent job. I think it would be appropriate to thank John the Clerk for picking this up as soon as we heard about it and driving the new provision.

We continue to support the Neighbourhood Wardens to ensure our communal areas remain a pleasant and safe environment for all ages. They also assist with their focus in the elderly and vulnerable within the parish and surrounding areas.

In the 2 allotment locations Rublees behind the Memorial Playing Field and Canada Gardens we have committed to service the areas to the best of our ability and in the last 2 years we have achieved a tremendous result in conjunction with the Allotment Association and the Steyning Scout Troupe. They have helped substantially in clearing the rubbish from the plots and generally clearing up the area. We will be working again on this on Saturday 30th March from 10am and would love to see anyone who would like to come along and help.

The hedgerow group under the guidance of Roger Brown cleared, planted and maintained the hedgerow around the memorial playing field and Rublees allotment. They have done an excellent job in focusing on this valuable part of our community infrastructure.

3.4 Finance and General Purpose

The prime function of the F and GP Committee is to manage the finance of the council and prepare the annual budget. Over the year the council has managed its budget well and it is likely we have a small surplus to put in to reserves. The healthy financial position of the council has enabled it to majority-fund the cost of the new play equipment in Fletchers Croft.

The Internal audit for 2017 has been agreed with external audit yet to be agreed following a resident and 3 councillors raising concerns. The budget has been set for this year and a 2.49 % increase in band D property agreed. My thanks to all members and committee for their continued support.

4. GUEST SPEAKERS FROM THE STEYNING COMMUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THEIR CLOSE INVOLVEMENT WITH THE COUNCIL

4.1 Mr Roger Brown - Hedgerows/Trees/Community Orchard

I am part of the steering group for the Steyning Community Orchard and I lead the hedgerow working party together with the parish council looking at the hedgerows around Rublees, I'm also an allotment holder at Rublees. With all these activities I'm in close contact with the Parish Council which has been quite exciting at times and frustrating at other times but very rewarding most of the time.

Work started on the Community Orchard in 2014 and we now manage 3 orchards, the main one being sited on the MPF as Tim has mentioned, another one is part of the Steyning Downland Scheme on the Rifle range and the other one is at Primrose Court in Goring Road. We have also recently been helping Nick Mills set up and plant a Community Orchard at Bramber as part of the new 'Bramber Brooks project'. We planted about 65 trees in those 4 places over the last 4 years.

The First project was to rejuvenate the MPF orchard. As we understand it, it was an orchard in the 1930s which was owned privately and run as a semi commercial orchard, the council acquired it in 1979, but there was not much of the original orchard left, and the 1987 hurricane depleted anything else that was there so by the time we started working in 2014 there were just the remnants of the orchard, a lot of overgrowth and self-seeded ash and sycamore trees. I think it's fair to say the council's initial reaction to our proposed plans were on the cautious side. If you remember the dark days of the MPF and the skate park, understandable the council were sensitive and a bit wary of anything else going on in the MPF that might cause some friction and disagreement. We proceeded very slowly and got full council agreement for every stage in the process and in the first year we planned a bit more clearing and more tree planting and made steady progress.

We have apple days and an annual wassail and orchard visits by rainbows and beaver groups with the kids and each one of those gone through the council before they have taken place to get the necessary paperwork before we hold those events and over time the council have realised our plans were to improve and beautify a rather lost and forgotten corner of the MPF. And as we built goodwill and support from around the community the council then gained more confidence in us to do a good job and not cause any problems.

So, we have had an excellent relationship with the council over that and they have been very supportive and encouraging of our recent activities.

There have been some occasions where things don't quite go to plan generally to do with 3rd party contractors doing not quite what they are supposed to be doing at the time, but they have all been resolved fairly amicably. One of the consequences of us working in the orchard areas is that we discovered the very long hedge that runs from the top of the MPF to the bottom that forms the boundary of the Rublees allotment had perry pears, they are quite old large trees, we still don't know what they are doing there and who planted them, but they are old, unusual and quite rare especially in this area, most perry pears are grown in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire. If you ever visit the MPF

have a look over the next couple of weeks and they are budding up quite quickly and in 2 weeks' time, there will be quite a spectacular display down all that side of the MPF so watch out for that.

This discovery coincided with the Rublees fencing project which we realised could have benefits and dis-benefits of everything that goes on and we realised there could be damage done to that hedgerow if that project went ahead. So, a group of us got together and proposed setting up a hedgerow working party to advise the council on how best to manage it and all of Rublees hedges, not just that one. That proposal was agreed and a party of 8 people was established as 4 members of the public, myself and 2 other allotment holders one who is a trained kew botanist and is quite an expert in her field, a local tree surgeon and 4 parish councillors, so there are 8 of us who meet 2 or 3 times a year with a view to improving and maintaining all the hedgerows around Rublees and with help of volunteers and a financial contribution from the council we have planted over 100 meters of new hedging in the last couple of years which is over 300 plants. Some of those did not quite make it through last year because of the heat and the drought despite our best efforts so they have already been replaced with new stock in the last month. We agreed repairs to the fencing and now have a maintenance agreement for all 4 hedges around Rublees.

If I can move onto the allotments, I'm an allotment holder at Rublees, I know if our allotment association secretary Sally could have been here tonight, I am sure she would have said that the relationship between the council and the association has never been as good as it is at the moment. Most plots are being well used and there is a very good community spirit up there, certainly the best I've experienced in 30 years of being up on the allotment. We are looking forward to our annual clear up with the skips and bonfire being organised by John and everyone mucks in and has a good old tidy up which is good for everybody.

The councillors can't be experts in everything so it seems only sensible from time to time you should use the local community to top up the skills and use people who are willing to volunteer and to contribute.

Just finally I will finish on a special word to John our clerk despite the work load he is always cheerful and also to Hazel and Tessa for the work they put in.

4.2

Mr Paul Conroy – Steyning Wardens

Thank you to the Parish Council for the opportunity to give an overview and brief history of the Scheme and its aims and services.

On the 18th of June 2001, The Daily Telegraph Reported the following under the title "Uniformed Wardens take to Village Beat"

The article went on to say

A village where residents had become fearful of crime is employing uniformed "Neighbourhood Wardens" and Ashington in West Sussex is one of the first rural communities to take on the scheme run by the Horsham District Crime Reduction Partnership.

Mr Paul Thayre 58 a former Army Warrant Officer and Damien Hurley 28, a former publican start work today. They have been provided with jumpers and badges and will patrol on foot and in a van. Mr Thayre said, "our main task is to provide a reassuring presence and to be a link to other partners such as the Police and Social Services."

The scheme was so successful that after support from initial Government funding the council took the unanimous decision to continue the scheme with funding from the local precept.

Following on from this Success the Parish Councils of Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding also invested in the scheme and I personally took on the role in 2010 after spending two years in Ashington.

I think it would be fair to say that when I took on the role the focus was the prevention and management of Anti-Social Behaviour, and in particular with reference to young people. As a team we spent much of our time getting to know young people in the area, engaging with groups, whom for the want of something better to do, were out in their neighbourhoods and who were susceptible. We would identify these Hotspots monitor and patrol areas, engage and advise and deter anti-social behaviour

There are many Different types of Anti-Social behaviour but the main ones we dealt with and still deal with are rowdiness, underage drinking and drug taking, criminal damage and noise nuisance.

In the earlier days of the scheme Steyning was fortunate enough to have its own dedicated Neighbourhood Police Team and we would regularly team up with Police Community Support Officers.

We also set up diversionary activities for young people and at one time ran our own Teenage Drop-in session at the Community Centre in Upper Beeding. When the Steyning Area Youth Service was set up we worked closely with Youth Workers and encouraged and signposted young people to their services. For me over the past years there have been two significant developments within the Scheme. Firstly, it achieved its first Accreditation Status from West Sussex Police (Now known as CSAS) In order to qualify for accreditation, the Scheme must pass a strict application process as detailed by the Home office and the Association of Chief Police Officers.

Certain important benefits are conferred when accreditation is achieved

Recognition of the quality of the organisation.

Recognition of the aims of the accredited organisation and its involvement in terms of increasing community safety and reducing crime, disorder, and anti-social behaviour.

The Conferment of additional Powers.

We now had the power to Confiscate alcohol from persons under the age of 18yrs drinking alcohol in a public place. We also had the power to take the name and address of persons committing Anti-Social-Behaviour. Any person refusing to give us these details commits an offence.

The second and most recent development has been the introduction of the Protection of Public Spaces Order (P.S.P.O) This came into effect in April 2018. You may have seen the blue and white signs in the car park or at the Memorial Playing field. Even if you do not see the sign the order is still in place.

The Public Space Protection Order is intended to deal with, and I quote,

“Any particular nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community’s quality of life and are designed to ensure the law-abiding majority can enjoy public spaces safe from anti-social behaviour. There are four prohibitions across the district.

They are; clean up dog fouling, Keep dogs under control, No anti-social use of vehicles

Nuisance behaviour related to alcohol

People engaged in and committing any of these offences are liable to a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100.

We now have the power to issue these fines following the appropriate procedures.

Both the accreditation powers and the new powers under the recent P.S.P.O significantly increase our enforcement capabilities.

I have stated previously that the focus of our role has been to prevent and deter anti-social behaviour and where necessary respond to such behaviour with enforcement Powers. However, we work closely with, and as a part of, the Community Safety Unit believing that prevention is better than cure, and spend time working to prevent issues by dealing with their long-term causes in partnership with other agencies Rather than just treating the symptoms.

As Neighbourhood Wardens, we assist the community in other ways

- 1 By providing a reassuring, uniformed patrolling presence
2. By providing an efficient eyes and ears service aimed at reducing the fear of crime for residents in the community
3. By Dealing with environmental crimes, notably dog fouling
4. By Reducing incidents of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour and by taking enforcement activity or making referrals for enforcement activity.
5. By Supporting vulnerable members of the community and taking supporting action to prevent loneliness and isolation

For me one of the most significant challenges for the scheme lies in that last statement. How as Wardens do we help tackle the loneliness and isolation of the older and vulnerable members of our community. Steyning already does sterling work in supporting our elderly community by providing clubs such as Vintage Years and volunteers operating schemes such as good neighbours and the Community Bus. All three Parishes already benefit from the hard work and commitment of the Churches in each community.

As the scheme has developed this issue has become more and more of a priority. We have set up our own Social club for the elderly at The Dingemans Centre. We also run weekly trips for members using the Steyning Community Bus and most recently we have started a service where we carry out welfare visits to vulnerable people referred to us by relatives or friends who do not live close enough to pay them regular visits. We also work closely with the Community Link alarm service run by Horsham District Council and can carry out visits if there are concerns about members. Finally, we are currently supporting a Reading

Friends group for residents at the Dingemans Centre being led by the local Age UK coordinator Nicky Fuller.

As I conclude my rather brief overview of the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme in Steyning, The Parish Councils of Storrington and Southwater join the ranks of those of Pulborough, Billingshurst and Horsham Town in investing in Neighbourhood Wardens which suggests the growing belief of the importance of the scheme to our communities,
I thank you for your time.

4.3 Dr Alex Holmes – Volunteer for the Joint Parishes Youth Service

I speak tonight on behalf of all the young people within the three Parishes. There has been a fundamental understanding that each generation will leave the next generation better off, but in our current age of austerity this may no longer ring true. Government social policies tend to focus on the very young, and very old, seldom making our young people a priority unless they do something criminal, violent, or anti-establishment. Thus, in recent years the Youth clubs have borne significant spending cuts. From 2012 to 2016 more than 600 youth centres have closed in the UK. Reports suggest this impacts not only the young people but the community as a whole and almost on a daily basis we have the mainstream media giving us reports of the unruly adolescents and widespread gang culture.

About 85% of a young person's waking hours are spent outside school so what does that mean for the young people of our parishes – are they to be out of sight and out of mind or trouble. Our Parishes though beautiful are very rural – what will we have them do. I used to watch Grange Hill on the TV – a series famed for its gritty true-life portrayal of young people's lives which ran for 30 years. It seemed the issues no longer made for good TV as the issues raised seemed so normalised. I look around the audience tonight and I wonder how many of you attended youth clubs or were troubled by bullying or crisis of identity, of mental health, of parental break up, addiction, learning difficulties or domestic violence when you were younger. I wonder how many of you had wished that you had had somewhere safe, to meet people you could trust and where you weren't being judged on your academic ability or the state of your bedroom.

I have been involved with youth service in this parish for just over a year and prior to this I was a teacher for almost 20 years, and there are some people in the Cuthman centre on a Thursday evening that admittedly I wouldn't want to teach in a sixth form, yet within the sanctuary of the youth club I have seen those young people notorious for their belligerent attitudes transform into helpful polite young people always up for trying new foods, getting stuck into a new activity or just getting used to having a bit of fun. You need not take my word for it as very occasionally we receive feedback from parents. One lad's dad said – 'I just want to drop you a note to thank you and the team for the positive influence you've had on my son.' And from another 'my children and some of their peers can be really challenging sometimes but it's so nice that they can have somewhere safe and engaging to go in the evenings'. These sound like fairly innocuous statements but within them lies the crux of the point of youth work – firstly the positive influence – we do not focus on examination results nor competition with peers rather we focus on developing each young person as an individual building a self-confidence and resilience and building on the skills that they want. The youth club is that safe space where young people know there is someone to talk to who will not judge them and where they can explore those uncomfortable issues and where they can ask those questions that possible other people cannot answer. If we don't have the answers, we guide them to where they can find them so they can well informed before they make decisions, and even when they make the wrong decision, we support them and discuss what if may have been like if they had chosen to take a different path.

We take the young person in their entirety and place value in their wholistic leaning and development, their skills, their values, and their attitudes that they will need to become successful adults.

My mercenary side has considered the financial implications of youth clubs and actually I have determined that the preventative elements of youth clubs, that is, good quality youth work and intervention early on, means many savings further on down the line. Cutting costs by cutting youth clubs is short-termism at its best although young people do not have loud voices or large actions they are guaranteed to grow, and issues that were molehills in adolescents being mountains in later life.

We help connect the youth to the community. There are over 400 young people between 10 and 18 who have benefited from coming to our youth clubs. There is even a core group of 4 who were there at the beginning six years ago and they are still coming today. One of the group recently came to me and said, 'without you here I wouldn't know where to go and get help'. I will leave you tonight with a quote from

the Chair of the Local Government Associations of Children and Young Peoples Board, 'The shocking surge in children and young people tragically involved in knife crime and gang activity only reinforces the need to invest in local youth services to support and work with children and young people to help them stay safe' and at the heart of it it's about safety of the children and of our community. I know that many of you have worked incredibly hard to ensure the continuation of the youth service in our community and on behalf of those dedicated workers, the volunteers and of our young people I'd like to thank you for all your support, and we hope the future of our local youth service will continue to be part of any long term strategy for our community

4.4 Marion Pickup – St Andrews Pre-School

My name is Marion Pickup and I run St Andrews pre-school based in The Steyning Centre caring for the children in their early years and supporting their families. We continually employ 8 staff from the local community. We started in the old St Andrews Hall nearly 50 years ago and moved into the wonderful Steyning Community Centre in 1992 when it opened – it's our home and many of the children think I live here! During this time, we have prided ourselves on working in partnership with the families of Steyning, Health professionals, the local community, and our landlords the Steyning Parish Council. Our funding comes from West Sussex County Council through the parent's childcare entitlements. You may have heard about the new 30-hour free childcare funding of which we are now open for 25.

Like all partnerships there are continual discussions, problems to be solved, actions to be taken. I have learned to listen, discuss, and understand – yes, it's not only our 2-year olds that learn something new every day! Sustained shared thinking, what's it's like to be in that person's shoes, aspects we have to reflect on every day to work in partnership together.

Over the years childcare has seen many changes to the structure of families and the different pressures they have to encounter, to our policies, procedures, foundation curriculums, and yes, we do have Ofsted inspections. We are under the same regulations as all Primary Schools and work closely with them. All our staff are qualified childcare professionals, with Paediatric First Aid and Child Protection as standard. Staff continually undertake further childcare courses to keep ourselves up to date.

New initiatives come and go. Last year the new initiative was called "British Values" –

It came in the format entitled Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance. Translated to us this meant - Caring and being kind and helpful, Respect, behaving in an appropriate way, being Independent.

I was shocked that what I considered to be the normal way of treating people and caring for and educating children and dealing with situations was a "New Initiative that people had to learn"! These initiatives were the very same ones that we have built St Andrews reputation on and the foundations that we care for the children of Steyning.

St Andrews pre-school is often involved in Community initiatives too. We are so thankful to the Co-op who have chosen us for their community fundraising. We are also all very excited to join in the opening of the wonderful new playground, a community project the children and their parents have been involved with, and one young family will enjoy the use of for many years to come.

Having lived in Steyning for nearly 30 years I am proud to call it home. The environment and community support my family have received over the years has been invaluable and I hope that this continues and that young families are given the opportunity to live in Steyning.

As I drive around the county and see new homes being built, I have concerns that we are losing new families coming into Steyning and the knock-on effect that this will have to the community and its facilities.

5. QUESTIONS TO THE SPEAKERS

Q - The Conservation Area Planning Committee, one particularly sensitive part of our high street is the corner between Sheep Pen Lane and the High Street, which is the White Horse patio area, does the planning committee have a policy to keep that area clear of buildings, is that possible? Particularly with the extra power the conservation area gives.

A - We are talking about the shed that they have put up and maybe they have put in an application for other buildings - That's under an enforcement order I believe. We objected and reported the building having been erected without permission - so they were instructed to move that, which they did. They

have already submitted another application for not for the same thing but for a covered seating area located in the alcove on the north end of the plot. There is another building which we have also objected to and our comments to the conservation officer and the planning officer are that bearing in mind it is a grade 2 listed building, we don't really feel there should be a building blocking the view of that. That is the planning committees view which we have impressed upon them, but it remains to be seen how HDC responds.

Q - In this room the older people's forum will be meeting, and part of their activities includes training for ageing people to use mobility scooters and in Pulborough the wardens have co-operated with the scheme and have taken on advisory duties for people using mobility scooters in that area. I was wondering if there was any room for our wardens to be associated with mobility scooter training scheme as well

A - I think we can ask them that separately. So, watch out for more mobility scooters in Steyning.

A - The scheme was used district wide and we are approaching each parish individually asking where they could run these events. We had to go out to the community and ask people with mobility scooters whether they would be interested in partaking in the scheme to improve their driving ability.

Q - Can I just thank all those speakers for their reports - I was particularly taken by the report on the youth service and I wondered did you need more volunteers

A - We could always do with more assistance

Q - and is there anything in particular you would be looking for in prospective volunteers

A - Enthusiasm is key, because volunteers generally do not last too long because it is demanding, and circumstances change but it is also hugely rewarding. Working with young people and forging mutual respect is very important but is a skill not always apparent in those who step forward. Younger adults would be good, but they are the most difficult volunteers to get. The new provider 'Sussex clubs for young people' is looking at different ways of getting hold of these individuals.

The Chairman echoed thanks to all the speakers this evening.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – What the Council has done for you – 2015 - 2019

The Chairman – Cllr Lloyd, decided that instead of drawing on his recollections from the last year he would talk about the whole of the Current Council's 4-year term, that was drawing to a close. The details of his speech are attached to the Minutes of this meeting.

7. QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

Q - Could you clarify when you talk about these hundreds of FOI requests what you're talking about is a written request from any Steyning resident.

A - Yes, any request to the council is considered an FOI

Q - So do you think 300 over four years is too many

A - Personally I think it's a huge number, when I talk to other councils it's a huge number. If you're looking for information, I'm not talking about just writing into the council we are talking asking for information.

A - Can I comment on that : I think {the questioner} should pay attention to what you said in terms of the hours for the Parish Clerks and how they felt about it.

A - Quite correct - it did take a lot of hours

Q - I think it's very important the clerk had kept a log of every question that came in and how long it took to answer each question. I think what we have seen is a great exaggeration. If you don't have the record of questions, then its meaningless.

A - No it's not a great exaggeration at all. The numbers I quoted were from a log, so it is that. What I did then is just extract the details and give an estimation of what I believe is the final amount of cost.

Q - is that a dangerous thing to do?

A. - I don't believe it is but if you think it is, we will have to agree to disagree, we must get some form of figure.

Q. - Can I ask did these FOI request to come from a large number of people

A. - It's a smallish number of people

Q. - That makes a difference in terms of the length of time, I also suggest to {the questioner} that he pays attention to what you said was that 3 parish clerks have felt so overburdened and attacked by the requests that they resigned.

A. - Yes, they did, it's a fact.

Cllr Muncey

I would just like to say that I am coming to the end of the term now that I am personally very saddened by lots of this disharmony that we have had, but I do feel with most cases of disharmony that maybe we could have done more to resolve it in a more amicable fashion early on.

I think it is very sad for the whole community that things have gone as far as they have, and I don't feel all the fault is on one side. I see instances where there is fault on both sides and I just wanted to make that point and I think it's really sad that it's got this far and that legal action has been necessary, I would much rather sort something out locally and amicably and try to bring people into the fold rather than end up in the sad state that we have now. I take a share of that as much as everybody else and feel I wish I could have worked harder to resolve all the differences we have had.

Cllr Howell

I don't think you could have worked any harder for this council than you have.

At this point, Cllr Lloyd drew the questions to a close and thanked Barbara for attending tonight. Barbara left the meeting after this item.

8. RESPONSES TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

No Written questions were submitted to the Clerk

9. FINAL COMMENT

Cllr Lloyd thanked everyone for attending this meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting and

Declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed **Date 16th March 2020**

Chairman