



# MUTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting**

held at Mutford Village Hall  
on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
Commencing at 7.00pm

### **1/16/APM Present**

Carl O'Brien (Chairman), J. Armstrong (Clerk), Councillors, Residents and non-residents whose names are attached to these minutes

The Chairman Cllr O'Brien welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2/16/APM Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies

### **3/16/APM Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

It was proposed by Cllr Glendinning and seconded by Cllr Greenacre that the minutes be accepted as a true record. This was agreed by the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

### **4/16/APM Parish Council Accounts year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

The Clerk presented the draft accounts of the parish council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 showing the income and expenditure for the year and the reserves to be carried forward. There were no questions from the floor.

### **5/16/APM Chairman's Report**

The Chairman Cllr O'Brien gave his report on the business of the Parish Council during the year. Cllr O'Brien reported on the Council website and encouraged people to make use of it. There was a relatively low incidence of crime during the year. The Speed sign is in use. Carl thanked Robin Mills for his work in looking after the playground during the year. A transcript of the Chairman's report is attached to these minutes.

### **6/16/APM Village Hall Report**

Cllr Randle gave a brief history of the Village Hall. The Village Hall is run by a committee on behalf of the Trust. The committee is responsible for the upkeep of the hall and providing events for the residents of Mutford and Rushmere. Income is generated from hiring the hall for clubs groups and private events. The Village Hall is financially secure and the committee is currently accruing funds to provide good disabled access and toilet facilities. Cllr Randle reminded residents that continued support for the hall is essential. Cllr Randle also made plea for new committee members.

### **7/16/APM Mutford Welfare Trust**

The clerk read a report about the origin and working of the Welfare Trust. The Trustees administer a parcel of land currently rented as allotments and how the income is used to support needy residents of the Parish,

Signed Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**8/16/APM Neighbourhood plan**

The Chairman introduced the main topic about a neighbourhood plan for Mutford. The Clerk gave a presentation outlining the advantages and disadvantages of a neighbourhood plan and the process involved in the development of a plan. Several questions and comments were made by residents.

Following debate the Chairman asked the question Should Mutford develop a Neighbourhood Plan. On a show of hands it was unanimously agreed that Mutford should develop a neighbourhood plan.

**9/16/APM Public contributions**

A comment was made by a resident about the lack of high speed broadband in the village and that this was not helping those who wished to work from home. The clerk will place this item on the next agenda of the Parish Council.

The Chairman, Cllr O'Brien thanked the residents for attending the meeting and said that he hoped they had found it informative and useful.

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm**

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