

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2016

Present: Mr John Chiverton Chairman
Mr David Goldhawk Vice Chairman
Mrs Mary Mansell
Mr Ian Foster
Mr Ian Fairbrother
Mr Terry Mayne
Mrs Jan Russell Parish Clerk

Apologies were received from Councillor Claire Malcomson, Councillor Clayton Wellman and County Councillor Stephen Cooksey.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting held on 19 May 2016 were approved and signed as being a correct record at the meeting held on 30 June 2016.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Mrs Mansell proposed that Mr John Chiverton continue as Chairman, and this was seconded by Mr Mayne. Mr Chiverton was unanimously voted in as Chairman for a further year.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Mr Fairbrother proposed that Mr Goldhawk continue as Vice Chairman and this seconded by Mr Foster. Mr Goldhawk was unanimously voted in as Vice Chairman for a further year.

TO ELECT RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr Goldhawk proposed that Mrs Russell be elected as Responsible Financial Officer, and this was seconded by Mr Fairbrother. All in favour

MOLE VALLEY RURAL CRIME PANEL and HOLMWOODS HIGHWAYS FORUM PANEL

Mr David Goldhawk has already stated that he was prepared to continue attending these two panels, if it was the Council's wish. This was proposed by Mr Chiverton and seconded by Mr Fairbrother. All in favour.

TO RECEIVE THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

These were circulated at the meeting. A meeting has been arranged to meet with the newly appointed Auditor Mark Mulberry on 26 June. The unaudited accounts were accepted, and were proposed by Mr Mayne and seconded by Mr Fairbrother.

Mrs Mansell stated that the precept given by Mole Valley District Council was slightly more than requested. Holmwood had requested £11,500 but because of the method in calculation, the District Council collects more money than requested from residents. To that end, the Parish Council is given an increase on the original precept request. A concurrent grant is also awarded, and this is given towards all outside works, mainly grounds maintenance. £2000 is kept as a contingency fund, to cover any unexpected expenditure during the year. The balance of the deposit account at 31 March 2017 is £2410.40 which includes interest.

Reference was made that the Parish Council was already committed to repairing the safety surface and the benches in the children's playground. Although this was a big expense of £8,786.25 Holmwood residents should feel satisfied that money is being spent on keeping the children safe.

Comments had been made to Councillors regarding how expensive it was to maintain the children's playground and it was agreed that this topic would be highlighted in the next newsletter.

REVIEW OF REGISTER OF INTERESTS

All council members at the meeting confirmed that there have been no changes in their circumstances, and therefore their registers of interests remain unchanged.

ALMSHOUSES, COTMANDENE, DORKING

Mr Mayne asked members of the Council if they agreed with him continuing on the committee for these charitable properties. All councillors unanimously agreed that Mr Mayne should continue his representation.