

## MINUTES OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 6TH JUNE 2016 IN DENBY CHURCH.

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PRESENT: C. Coupe (Chairman) J. Methley (Clerk) and five members of the public.

Mr. Coupe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

(1) APOLOGIES - None received.

(2) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - Proposed K. Batley, sec. D. Edmondson that the previous minutes be accepted and signed as a correct record.

(3) ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL BY THE CHAIRMAN

My first task is to report on the passing away of Councillor George Hallos after a long battle with illness. His input over the past twenty years has been invaluable. Our thoughts are with his wife Margaret and family.

May I thank all members of the Parish Council for their considerable efforts over the past 12 months. Our Clerk, Mrs. J. Methley has, as usual, put in a sterling contribution and dare I say it, kept us all in line regarding what we can and cannot do.

The major project the Parish Council has undertaken during the last year has been the installation of the War Memorial and the landscaping of the area around it. The bulk of the funding came from the Ward Alliance with the stone being provided by Marshalls. The amount of work, both mental and physical, which has been put in by your Parish Councillors has been inspiring. They are to be congratulated on a job well done. I should also mention the help given by Jim Milner whose skill in design and build was first class. Mr. Ged Parker volunteered to provide the necessary equipment to lift the obelisk into position — without that we would have had a problem. Following the completion of the work we had a Service of Dedication, lead by the Rev. Anne Sykes and on Remembrance Sunday a very moving service lead by the Rev. David Stoker which was poignant to say the least.

Maintenance of Parish Assets has been ongoing. Painting of seats, gates and strimming of verges, around the trees on the football field and Summer Ford is lead by Councillor Batley. Litter pick-ing is ongoing by councillors and some residents

Last year we mentioned the possible acquisition of a salt/grit spreader. I am pleased to report we now have two of these. One at each end of the village.

The Christmas tree lights switch on was a great success, as usual, but numbers were down slightly on last year.

Your Parish Council have continued to be your voice to B.M.B.C. on issues ranging from Planning Applications, highway maintenance, street lighting, drainage issues and liaison with Neighbourhood Services who remove fly tipping waste.

Work has been carried out at Annat Royd Nature Reserve by a group of conservation volunteers, and this is still ongoing.

For the record Counillor Batley is your representative on the local Crime and Safety Group, of which he is chairman. He also represents the Parish Council on matters relating to Berneslai Homes. Councillor Edmondson is our representative on the Ward Alliance.

Finally may I welcome Stuart Heeley to the Parish Council. I know he will make a valued contribution to our activities.

(4) PRESENTATION OF PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR 2015/16.

A copy of all relevant information had been given to Parish Councillors and these had been agreed as being a correct record of income/expenditure over the last twelve months. These documents have been passed to Mr. D. Horsfall, who acts as the Councils Internal Auditor and he has signed these off as a true record. These will now go to the external auditor in early July.

(5) MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

A resident reported on certain highway issues and stated he had reported them to BMBC. Some work has been done with others to be done shortly.