

MINUTES OF THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 8TH MAY 2017 IN DENBY CHURCH

PRESENT: Councillors Edmondson, Batley, Heeley, Whitbread and J. Methley (Clerk)

(1) APOLOGIES: None received.

(2) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JUNE 2016

It was proposed by Councillor Whitbread, sec. Councillor Batley that the previous minutes be signed as a correct record.

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

This report was given by Councillor Edmondson acting as Vice Chairman.

My first and most important duty is to report the resignation of Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Council Mr. Charles Coupe. Having recently celebrated his 80th birthday he thought it time to stand down after approx. 15 years on the council, 11 years as Chairman. I am sure the parish councillors will want to share in sending best wishes to him and thanks for all his sterling work, much of it behind the scenes and out of sight.

This has been a relatively quiet year for the council. After a number of significant projects over recent years such as the war memorial, tree planting around the recreation ground, the multi-use games area, and improvements to our public spaces, we have been concentrating on regular maintenance tasks such as painting, litter removal and grass Cutting. I must thank the other councillors for their direct impact into keeping the village looking good.

One project that has been progressed during the year is the proposed provision of a second diffibulator in the southern end of the village to supplement the one on Wellthorne Lane. It has proved rather difficult to fix a site and power supply for this but we are hopeful that a solution has been reached. I must stress that the majority of the cost is being made from fund raising by the Community Group led by Pat Smith and from a very generous and anonymous donation from a member of the village. The rest of the cost we hope to meet from grant sources.

We have held our second November remembrance service, and once again, a successful Christmas tree light switch on event. We are very pleased that these are becoming established and well supported events, that help to pull the parish community together.

I would like to finish by thanking Joan Methley for yet another year as parish clerk and making sure the council keeps on the right side of the many regulations that govern us. In this connection I should point out that the council is now digital with a computer, scanner/printer and internet access. We

received a small government grant to make these requisitions.

(4) ACCOUNTS

The accounts for the year 2016/2017 were presented to the council and these will be fully itemised in the annual parish council meeting.

(5) ITEMS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

As no members of the public were present no items were raised.