

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at 19:45 in Felmingham Village Hall**

**1. Present were:-**

- a. Chairman Jim Papworth, Vice Chairman John Gouldsmith, Cllr. Neil Thrush, Cllr. John Newstead, Cllr. Tim Papworth and Cllr. Desmond Fern.

**2. Apologies:-**

- Keith Daly

**3. Minutes from last AGM meeting**

- a. The minutes of 31/05/16 were signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters Arising**

- a. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

**5. Review of the past year**

- a. The Chairman thanked the Councillors and the Clerk for all their hard work during the past year.
- b. The Parish Council has dealt with all the planning applications relevant to Felmingham.
- c. It has been hard to recruit volunteers to help on Bryants Heath, but maintenance on the heath has continued.
- d. Use of the allotments has been encouraging, with a waiting list now running and a friendly community of allotment holders growing.
- e. The neighbourhood speed watch team have been effective over the past year.
- f. The current chairman, Jim Papworth, is to stand down from the council after many years of service, but will continue to represent the council on the Neech Loan Fund given his experience and knowledge. The Neech Loan Fund now stands in excess of £180,000 and he was keen not to see it be wound up. The Princes Trust is being approached to see if they would be interested in receiving financial support with their work from the fund. Also that the Village Hall applied to the fund for the discretionary annual £500 award to assist with funding the new building work.
- g. Councillor Chris Allway sadly passed away this year.
- h. During the past year Councillor Jim Papworth had represented the Parish Council at Colby School, the local primary school for Felmingham.
- i. The Chairman felt that he was leaving the Parish Council in a good financial state.

**6. Election of New Chair and Vice chairman**

- a. The retiring Chairman called for nominations for Chairman.
- b. Cllr. John Gouldsmith proposed Mr Tim Papworth and this was seconded by Cllr. Neil Thrush. There were no other nominations.
- c. Chairman Tim Papworth called for nominations for Vice Chairman.
- d. Cllr. John Gouldsmith proposed Councillor Neil Thrush and this was seconded by Cllr. Tim Papworth. There were no other nominations for Vice chairman.
- e. There are now two casual vacancies.

The AGM was closed at 20:00.

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Signed by Chairman

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Date