

Minutes of the Boothby Pagnell Parish Meeting

Annual General Meeting - 15th May 2015

Before the meeting started, the Chairman asked if everybody present was happy to be in the bar area of the Social Club for the meeting, rather than paying to be in the Village Hall, in the room next door. It was unanimously agreed everybody wanted to remain in the Social Club.

In attendance – Peter Williams, Jo Blake, Pauline Haw, Guy Riley, Linda Hutchinson, Trevor Hutchinson, Ian Rutherford, Rachel Williams, Keith Smith, Mark Baker, Liz Cox, Neville Cox, Dawn Crawford, Richard Pallier, Tom Blake, Percy Hunt, Russ Harte and Andy Crawford.

1 Apologies - Mike and Pam Collier, Deidre Collins, Gill Taylor, Lynne Rutherford and Andrew Osborne.

2 Minutes of the AGM held on 16th May 2014 – The minutes of the meeting were read and agreed by all to be a true record. Proposed – Pauline Haw, Seconded – Ian Rutherford.

3 Matters Arising – There were no matters arising.

4 Financial Report - The Chairman announced that all the bank statements and financial records were available for scrutiny at the meeting as usual, and had also been available as required for at least the previous 28 days.

The Chairman went through the figures. Discussions ensued about the cost of the parishioner's complaint. Richard Pallier expressed his dismay at the waste of money arising from the objection, and felt that the nature of the objection was disproportionate to the costs of £600 which could have been incurred. Russell Harte raised the objection that Ian Rutherford stated that others supported him, when there appeared to be no support for his action. Other comments were expressed confirming the consensus views that Ian Rutherford was raising trivial and vexatious points, and could not express his objective for doing so.

The Chairman went on to explain that these figures are completed in the annual return which also includes a statement on annual governance which needs to be approved by the meeting. The Chairman read the annual governance statement, and the meeting approved it. The figures were approved, proposed by Mark Baker, seconded by Tom Blake.

Ian Rutherford asked how the internal audit would be able to confirm compliance with financial regulations when there is no written statement of them. The Chairman responded that the lack of a statement of regulations did not mean an absence of regulations. In particular, and as reported at previous meetings, **all** expenditure requires authorisation by the Parish Meeting and all cheques require the signatures of two officers. This has not changed and the Chairman considered these regulations appropriate for the organisation given its very limited size. The meeting confirmed that it considered these financial regulations were satisfactory for the conduct of our Parish Meeting. Proposed by Richard Pallier, seconded by Liz Cox, and carried unanimously.

5 Procedural standing orders – No changes were proposed.

6 Appointment of Officers – The Chairman and the Clerk reported that they had received no nominations for either post. Nominations were invited from the floor, but none were received. It was proposed by Tom Blake that Peter Williams continues as Chairman, and seconded by Dawn Crawford. It was proposed by Percy Hunt that Jo Blake continues as Clerk, and seconded by Mark Baker.

Meeting closed.