

# **WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.00 pm**

1. Attended by Councillors: B Britain (Chairman), D Wheeler (Vice-Chairman), C Allen, P Davies, J Fish, J Humphrey, M Knight MBE, S Mann, J Newland, A Patrick, D Scrimshaw.  
Fenland District Councillor (FDC) G Booth.  
Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and FDC Councillor S King.  
Geoff Wilkinson, Clerk  
Members of the public: 3  
The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. Apologies: Nil
3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 8 May 2017 at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
4. Chairman's Annual Report  
The Chairman reflected on the past years achievements; the number of planters had been increased to 19 with 18 sponsored and all planted, 4 new bus shelters had been installed, the one north of Gull Road used primarily by school children. All bus shelters were cleaned regularly, and grass cut to a regular programme to improve the appearance of the Parish. Improvements at Bellamy Bridge designed to improve road safety were planned. The street lighting supplier has been changed to Electrical Testing Ltd. Two additional defibrillators had been provided funded by a grant offer from the Wryde Croft Wind Farm Community Fund. The Chairman thanked Cllr Wheeler, Vice-Chairman, and all Councillors for their support during the year.
5. Street Lighting – The Clerk reported Electrical Testing Ltd had been engaged to provide replacement units and he was awaiting a programme of works. Some work was continuing by FDC.  
Mrs Barnes reported that the lighting bracket at Front Road had been replaced but not yet connected which she had reported to FDC.
6. Highways –Improvements at The Pigeons had been completed.  
Mrs Barnes reported that the double yellow lines were installed but no signs to support them.  
The Clerk advised that some patching work had been completed and sections of Gull Bank resurfaced.
7. John Bend Charity Accounts.  
The Clerk referred to the accounts to year end 31 March 2018 as circulated. The balance at year ending March 2017 was £195287.88,

income for the year was £9,695.74 and expenditure was £9,505.00 giving a total cash balance at year end of £19718.62.  
Proposed by Cllr Davies seconded by Cllr Newland and agreed unanimously.

8. Poors Allotment Charity.

The Clerk referred to the accounts to year end 31 March 2018 as circulated. The balance at year ending March 2017 was £18987.10, income £16290.70 expenditure £9,916.08 giving a total cash balance at year end of £25,361.72. Cllr Davies (Chairman) explained that no grants had been made during due to the high cost of essential drainage work.

Proposed by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr Patrick and agreed unanimously.

9. Francis Hardy Charity.

The Chairman referred to the accounts to year end 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 as circulated. Income £ 232,380.54 expenditure £8,607.27 giving a total cash balance at year end of £224,760.34. Cllr Davies explained that the funds raised from the sale of lane would result in double the amount of income such that more money would be available to grant to schools. Accounts were agreed unanimously.

10. Parish Affairs:

Mrs Woollard reported surface water flooding outside 142/115 Front Road Murrow, drainage holes in the kerbs were blocked. Mrs Barnes reported a similar problem at The Pigeons corner. Cllr King offered to take the matters up at CCC.

There were no further matters arising and the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30 pm.