**ANNUAL MEETING**

**of the**

**BALTONSBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday 4 May 2017**

**M I N U T E S**

**ATTENDEES**: Cllrs Blackburn, Everitt, Maddock, Martin, Medlicott and Tucker

Clerk: C Aldridge

1. **ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Everitt proposed that Cllr Blackburn be nominated for the post of Chairman for 2017-2018 term. There were no other nominations, unanimously agreed.

**Cllr Blackburn agreed to accept this position and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

1. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Martin proposed that Cllr Payne be nominated for the post of Vice Chairman for 2017-2018 term.

There were no other nominations, unanimously agreed

**Cllr Everitt agreed to accept this position and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

1. **ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Blackburn proposed that Cllrs Buckle, Everitt, Maddock, Martin, Medlicott were nominated again this year.

**Cllrs Buckle (on election duty) Everitt, Maddock, Medlicott, Martin accepted their positions and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr Tucker declared he would not stand again for a further year but would help with any duties until a suitable candidate has been appointed. Cllr Blackburn thanked him for his long service as a councillor**.**

The Clerk asked if there were any updates to the Declaration of Pecuniary Interests, there were none.

There are now two casual vacancies to be filled and the clerk has notified the Elections Department of MDC.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Buckle due to duties in local elections

1. **MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING – 5 MAY 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting and there were no amendments. Cllr Everitt proposed that these minutes be signed as a true and correct record of events, unanimously agreed.

1. **ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

There were none.

1. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

*We have had another busy and varied year, dominated by the changes in the provision of play facilities for our youngest residents.*

*This time last year we had a new councillor in the shape of Fiona Maddock who was given the task of looking after the play park. With Fiona in the driving seat we have surveyed, raised funds, negotiated, filled in countless forms, and we are about to open a brand new Play Park. I have enjoyed every minute of the process, and I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge the massive effort of Fiona Maddock, she has been relentless and tireless. Also to Sue Maddock who has researched, and liaised with the village, and along with Anna Wellspring made the Big Breakfast happen.*

*Councillor Liz Payne has decided to leave us and thanks go to her for the invaluable contribution she had made to the council especially in planning matters. We now have a casual vacancy on the Council.*

*Apple Meadows was completed this year, and we have 40 houses with new villagers. The development was controversial and one which the PC objected to, but every cloud has a silver lining and all the people I have met from Apple Meadows have been lovely and I would like to welcome them all to the village.*

*We increased the village precept this year to reflect the increase in population from this development and the forthcoming Flower and Hayes development on Ham Street.*

*We also worked with the school to design and install a pedestrian sign on Martin Street*

*A new dog waste bin has been installed at Wallyer’s Bridge.*

*After taking advice from SALC we have adopted a social media policy, and you can now follow us on Facebook, Twitter and find us online on the BPC website where all minutes and agendas are.*

*The Parish Council have made donations this year to:*

*The Baltonsborough Primary School for a new reading scheme*

*The Baltonsborough Players, for the panto*

*The Baltonsborough Pre-School*

*Baltonsborough Parochial Church for churchyard maintenance*

*Mendip Community Transport*

*The OAP Christmas lunch*

*The RBL poppy fund*

*And also toward the RBL centenary celebrations next year*

*I would like to thank Keith Rollinson for his great work maintaining the footpaths for us, and as ever to Colin McNamee for keeping the war memorial so beautiful*

*I would also like to thank all the Parish Councillors who volunteer their time and put in so much effort and finally to Cheryl the PC Clerk, for her dedication, attention to detail and hard work over the year*.

1. **NOMINATIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllrs Blackburn, Buckle, Everitt, Maddock, Martin, Medlicott responsibilities will remain unchanged.

There are two casual vacancies with the following responsibilities

Cllr Tucker leaves the responsibilities for SALC & NALC

Cllr Payne leaves the responsibilities for Planning & MDC liaison. Cllr Blackburn would take on until these responsibilities until the vacancy has been filled.

1. **CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None present.

1. **FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2016-2017**

The Clerk provided the figures from the Annual Return and asked if the council had any objection if we used Roger White for the internal audit again this year, **council unanimously agreed.** The Annual Return would be ready for signature in the next full Council meeting on Thursday 1 June 2017 and will then be returned to Grant Thornton to complete the Annual Audit.

1. **ASSET REGISTER**

The asset register was distributed presented to the councillors and the value will be kept the same as last year on the annual return.

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3 May 2018 commencing 7pm**

The meeting closed at 7:30pm

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Chairman, Baltonsborough Parish Council**