

LITTLE BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH ASSEMBLY

**The annual Parish Assembly will be held in the Village Hall
on Thursday 20 April 2017 at 7.30pm**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2016
3. To consider any matters arising from the minutes (not covered on the agenda)
4. The chairman's report
5. Financial statement 2016/17
6. Any other business.

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Minutes of the annual parish assembly held on 14 June 2016 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Mr Peter Robinson, Cllr Mr Ray Hall, Cllr Mr Ian Jackson, Cllr Mrs K Lawson and Cllr Mr R Morris.
Mr G Cookson – clerk to the council
3 members of the public

Local Police Services

Before the formal business began PC Wayne Thomas, the local police beat manager addressed the meeting about locality police services. He explained that following recent restructuring within the force he was based at Northwich police station and his beat included part of Winsford as well as Tarporley and the surrounding villages. He explained that he will produce a monthly report of incidents of crime for the local area but he did stress that the area is relatively crime free. He went on to explain how to report crimes or suspected crimes, how they are logged and prioritised. He then took questions from those present. A number of questions were raised about the very recent high profile search for a missing person. It was agreed that once the police had finished their own de-briefing on the incident some feedback would be provided for the council, particularly on the use of village intelligence during the search.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

Chairman's report

In presenting his report Mr Robinson thanked members of the council for their work during the year. He also introduced those present and explained their roles on the council. He advised the audience that the council had been able to offer significant financial support to a number of local groups to assist their activities, including The Friends of LB Common, the Women's Institute, the Village Green Committee and the Village Hall Committee. He then went on to highlight some issues which had dominated parish council agenda during the year. These included:

- ◆ **Inter Parish Meetings** – a representative group of parishes around Tarporley had been established to share information about common matters of concern or interest. Although still in its infancy this looks to be a useful initiative.
- ◆ **Oulton Hall Plaque** – it is proposed to erect a plaque on what remains of wall of the hall to commemorate the six people who lost their lives in the devastating fire which destroyed the hall in 1926. The council has agreed to make a contribution to this.
- ◆ **A54 speed limit** - the council has been successful in persuading CWaC to impose a 50 mph speed limit along a stretch of the road but there still remained

issues about the funding costs of the implementation.

Financial statement 2015/16

The clerk presented a summary of the council's revenue expenditure during the 2015/16 financial year. The accounts showed that the council had needed to make a modest increase in the precept to £4900 to fulfil its proposals for the year. At the end of the year the council's balances had risen by approximately £5000. This was attributable to a windfall New Homes Bonus of £4100 and the fact that a number of planned improvements had not yet been implemented or paid for. These will be a cost within the 2016/17 financial year.

Other Business

A discussion took place on the implementation of high speed broadband connectivity through the Connecting Cheshire programme. Progress from CWaC on the programme was vague and as yet there is no specific timetable.

In closing the meeting the chairman thanked those present for their attendance.