

# **NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.00pm**  
**Holton Village Hall**

**Present** – David Badham-Thornhill, Gillian Freeman, Jenny Chambers, Janet Down, Dave Young (Chairman), Simon Ford, Hannah Croft, Graham Boaler

**In attendance** – Elizabeth Persson (Clerk), 14 Member of the public, William Wallace

**17.1 Apologies**

Nick Haggett, James Lee, Peter Tooth

**17.2 Minutes of the last meeting**

Received and signed the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

*Points for discussion*

**17.3 Following on from the Hopkins Planning Application, the possibility of a Community or Neighbourhood Plan.**

After an explanation was given as to the nature of these Plans, a discussion of what they would cover and what the community would stand to gain, took place. It was decided that both plans would be too much work and there was no-one readily willing to take the lead role.

**17.4 The telephone boxes**

It was reported that the boxes were now owned by the Parish Council and refurbishment could now commence.

**17.5 Defibrillator**

Following a further request from members of the Parish to install a defibrillator it was put to the meeting whether they wished to have one but it was a unanimous decision that one was not wanted.

**17.6 Upkeep of finger posts**

A request was made as to whether anyone was willing to help with the maintenance of the finger posts. There was no one forthcoming and it was questioned as to whether we needed to upkeep them at all but as there is such strong feeling to keep the telephone boxes (as part of our heritage) it was decided that the finger posts should be kept up. The Parish Council will do this, to the best of their ability, either through volunteers or getting in contractors.

**17.7 Cleaning of road signs**

There was support of an 'adopt a sign' scheme to keep the signage throughout the Parish clean and clear of undergrowth.

**17.8 Update on road signage**

There was an update given on where we had got to with the various road signage issues throughout the parish.

**17.9 Dog Poo Bins**

There was a request made for a dog poo bin to be placed in the centre of Holton.

**17.10 Holton Spring**

An explanation of the fact that the Holton Spring is on private property was given to the meeting, so it does not come under the Parish Council remit. It was noted how well kept up the surrounds were by the current owner.