

# DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Annual Meeting of the Parish** held at **Doddington Village Hall** on **Monday 11 May 2015**

Present: Cllrs Cuthbert (Chairman), Attwood (Vice Chairman), Coates, Duckworth, Haynes and Jones and Mrs Licence (Clerk).

Also present were High Sheriff William Alexander and forty four members of the public

## **1. REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Cuthbert welcomed the High Sheriff, Councillors and members of the Public to the Annual Parish Meeting and read his report which is attached.

## **2. FINANCE – YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015 – Report from Clerk**

The Finance report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and had also been published on the Parish Council's website. The report is attached to the minutes.

## **3. VILLAGE HALL REPORT**

A report had been provided by Les Roberts (Chairman of the Village Hall Committee) on the activities of the Village Hall committee throughout the year. The attached report had been circulated prior to the meeting and published on the Parish Council website. Cllr Cuthbert thanked Mr Roberts for his sterling work.

## **4. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT**

A report from Susan Jackson, the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Cuthbert thanked Mrs Jackson for her monthly reports to the Parish Council and also for faithfully notifying Neighbourhood Watch members of criminal activity in the area as well as making residents aware of potential problems.

## **5. DODDINGTON IN BLOOM REPORT**

Jan West, the Chair of the Doddington in Bloom Group, had submitted a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Cuthbert thanked Mrs West and the Doddington in Bloom group for making the village so attractive.

## **6. DODDINGTON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT**

A report (attached) was provided by Kathy Friend, Secretary of the Doddington Allotment Association on the activity and developments in the Allotment Gardens throughout the year.

## **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No questions or comments were raised.

## **8. PRESENTATION OF THE KALC COMMUNITY AWARD**

Cllr Cuthbert welcomed William Alexander, the High Sheriff to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The High Sheriff explained the History of his role. He also explained that the Annual KALC Community Award was to recognise the outstanding contribution that a resident had given to the community.

The High Sheriff informed the meeting that the Parish Council had decided to take the opportunity to make this award because Doddington has such an active community with so many people

giving much of their time and energy to enrich village life, to help provide a varied and enjoyable social calendar and support good causes. Many of these activities are more than just a good social event within the village as they draw in people from the many surrounding parishes to help and to enjoy the events. More than this they contribute hugely to the running of the village hall, raise money for the church and many other locally supported charities.

The winner of this award has had a lifetime involvement with so many activities and events in the village, has been a Parish Councillor, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and School Governors, Parochial Church Councillor and Church Warden. He has given much of his time to organising School Village fetes in the past, the Auction, Firework Display, helping write and perform in the village pantomime. And he is a great actor.

The High Sheriff announced that the winner of the KALC Community Award 2015 is Mr Les Roberts and presented Mr Roberts with a certificate and gift in recognition of his contribution to the village.

Cllr Cuthbert thanked the High Sheriff for attending the meeting and making the presentation. Cllr Cuthbert declared the meeting closed.

The meeting closed at 7.18pm

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

.....Chairman

Date: 8 June 2015