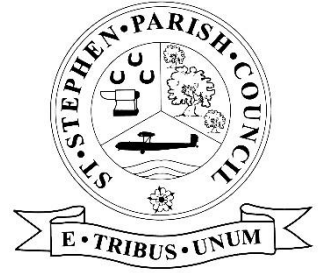


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Present

Cllr John Bell
Cllr David Brannen
Cllr Martin Doyle
Cllr Ian Getley

Cllr Dorothy Kerry (Chair)
Cllr John Parker
Cllr Bill Pryce
Cllr Nicholas Tyndale
Cllr Eileen Whittaker

Also present:

Sue Campbell, Locum
Gill Patschinsky, Events Officer
County Cllr Sue Featherstone
District Cllrs Jock Wright and Stella Nash
19 Members of the Public; 9 children

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** held on **THURSDAY 10 May 2018 at 7.30pm**
Venue: **THE PARISH CENTRE, STATION ROAD, BRICKET WOOD, ST ALBANS, AL2 3PJ**

- 18/APM/001 To receive and accept apologies for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Berriman and Hurford.
- 18/APM/002 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2017
APPROVED: that the Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman
- 18/APM/003 School Book Presentations
The Council donates books to local Primary Schools to encourage a love of books and reading. This year the theme is the environment and recycling. The presentations were made to staff and pupils from How Wood, Killigrew, Mount Pleasant Lane and Park Street Schools.
- 18/APM/004 Annual Reports
a. Chairman's Report presented by Cllr Kerry
The Council main areas of activity are planning, asset management and events. The Neighbourhood Plan is near completion; residents will be updated at a meeting on 7th June 7.30pm at Greenwood Park.
The Council owns and manages facilities for the community including buildings, playgrounds, sports pitches, open spaces and trees and woodland. A range of events are organised to foster a sense of community whilst maintaining traditions and national heritage such as Crafts in the Park, Parish in Bloom, Armed Forces

Day (24th June), Carol Concert. This year being 100 years since the signing of the Armistice the usual Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 11th November will be extended to include the lighting of a beacon at Greenwood Park at 7pm as one of 1,000 nationally.

Carol Hardy, Deputy Clerk and Gill Rix, Centre Manager retired this year after 18 and 15 years' service respectively. Dani Medlin was welcomed as the new Centre Manager.

The Chairman thanked fellow Councillors and staff.

b. Community Assets, Cllr Bill Pryce

Parishioners own 7 pieces of land, managed by a team of Groundsmen, there to be used and enjoyed by the community including woodland and open spaces, child play areas, sports, exercise, leisure and activity grounds for adults and children including:

Park Street Recreation Ground

Greenwood Park, Chiswell Green

Cherry Hill, Chiswell Green

North Close, Chiswell Green

Woodbury Field, Bricket Wood

c. Planning, Cllr John Bell

The Committee reviews an average of 30 applications for planning permission and tree works per month reporting back to the District Council on residents' behalf.

They also meet with developers, respond to the District Council consultations on such things as the District Plan and its "call for sites" for new homes developments.

18/APM/005 Community Award

For an individual considered to have made an outstanding contribution that benefits the community.

Presented to Annie Byrne who was the "Lollypop Lady" for many years at the end of Park Street Lane, out in all weathers. She played a very big role in the Baptist Church as Sunday School Teacher, Sunday Worship Leader and assistant Treasurer, ran the Kiddies Club, meals for the elderly and assisted with a club for pre-school children.

18/APM/006 Closing statement from the Chairman

Cllr Kerry closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Chairman

Date