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MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 2nd May 2012

Present: Mr D Palmer (Chairman) Mr JW Whitworth, Mr P England, Mr M Bell Ms C Smith Mr Colin Hagger, Ms T Connolly, Mr Colin Lewis Mr Terry King

Apologies: Ms S Linsell

In attendance: Mrs Jo Downton, the Clerk. Members of the Public

Declaration of Interests: None

Minutes: The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on the 11th May 2011 were taken and read as correct.

Parish Council Accounts for 2011/12: Unaudited copies of the informal accounts were circulated and the Chairman explained points of interest, namely the deficit for this year. It was also proposed that the Council should explore bank accounts which might secure better returns on the Reserve account. (The accounts will be formally adopted by the Council on the 30th May 2012 after they have been prepared in a form required by the Auditor). The Clerk will publicise arrangements for electors to see the official accounts, if they wish to, before the audit later in the summer.

Village Reports: the council received reports (copies of which are attached or available from the clerk in hard form) from the following village organisations:

Exton & Greatham Primary School submitted by Claire Hitchcox

NHWatch by Colin Hagger

Parish Church by Ms P Hagger

Exton Produce & Craft Show The Secretary.

Police: For the second year running no burglaries were reported in the village, however a number of ASB were reported. It was pointed out what a wonderfully safe place Rutland is to live. North Rutland Beat Team.

PAGE: Mr Bell reported that the play area was still very much used and appreciated by younger members of the village. It was pointed out that some playground equipment was in need of attention but this matter was in hand. The issue of vandalism was also reported and this matter was being dealt with by the Police.

Village Hall: Mr Bell briefly reported that the issue of running costs was being addressed as these were not quite covered this year. The village hall continues to be used very well by a wide range of groups.

The Parish Council expressed its sincere thanks to all the various hard working organisations which are a vital part of village life.

Miscellaneous items of report: A member of the public requested that the Parish council look into the matter of a number of trees which appear to have been removed within the conservation area. The Clerk is to follow this matter up.

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In attendance: Mrs Jo Downton, the Clerk.

Declaration of Interests: None.

Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 4th April 2012 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Election Of the Chairman for the year ending May 2013: Mr C Lewis proposed and Mr Patrick England seconded that Mr Palmer be elected. There being no other nominations Mr Palmer was elected.

Election of a Vice Chairman for the year ending May 2013: Ms T Connolly proposed and Mr C Hagger seconded that Mr J Whitworth be elected. There being no other nominations Mr Whitworth was elected.

Matters arising not dealt with in the main agenda:

Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting is to be brought forward by one week to the 30th May 2012.

The Clerk reported that the Newsletter had been contacted and asked to put ion a notice regarding dog mess and dogs off leads within the village.

Rubbish Bin: The bin in Stamford Road was reported to RCC for attention.

Horn: Mr Terry King has been informed that Exton P.C. had no objections to merging with Horn.

Training Dates: The Clerk reported that no councilor had contacted her to confirm availability for training dates cited at the last meeting. The council was informed that local training is to take place on 23/7/12 and that the council is willing to pay for this for any councilor wishing to attend. The Clerk should be contacted by interested parties.

Trees: Again it was reported to council that concerns had been raised about a number of trees on the Green and the issue of safety of the public. This issue is to be reported to the Exton Estates.

Allotments: Council was informed that RCC had run a presentation regarding the position of Parish councils and the provision of land for allotment use. This issue was discussed by council and informed by Councilor King. It looks at this stage that the council will have to pursue the issue of compulsory purchase. It was reported that the parish council would not have to conduct this process itself but this would be carried out by RCC on our behalf.

Email correspondence: Volunteers Workforce Event – offering their services to local

communities. The Clerk was to contact them regarding the Spinny.

Rospa: Notification had been received that the playground would shortly be inspected.

Correspondence not requiring action: The Chairman informed council that a new code of conduct had been received and the Clerk was to provide hard copies for all at the next meeting.

Highways: The Chair reported on a number of issues such as drains etc which were felt to be in need attention from RCC 's Highways department. This is an ongoing matter.

Playing Field Vandalism was reported in the vicinity of the playing field and the police had been contacted.

Correspondence (items requiring action only): A request from the High Sheriff had been received requesting a donation towards the Jubilee Pageant on the River Thames. It was proposed to support this request by Mr C Hagger and seconded by Mr P England. The council agreed a donation of £25.00.

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Authorisation of cheques: None - Accounts with internal auditor.

Items for the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council on 30th May 2012:
None.