

## LITTLE EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

**Present:** Sue Gilbert (Chairman), Eileen McKendry-Gray (Vice-Chairman), Chris Audritt, Doug Wyatt, Chris Hindley, Martin Foley (UDC), Jackie Deane (Clerk) and 13 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed members of the public and introduced County Councillor Simon Walsh, who would be giving his report at the beginning of the meeting so that he could leave for another engagement.

1. **Apologies** for absence were received from Cllrs John Willson and Lawrence Smith. There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.
2. **Minutes** of the last Annual Parish Assembly were signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.
3. **County councillor's report** – Cllr Walsh read out his annual report (attached) and then answered questions from the public, primarily on the village's attempts to get the speed limit on the unrestricted stretch of road between Duck Street and Mill End. He agreed to follow up on the most recent application with the Highways Department. Cllr Foley offer to help, as he had been involved in a similar application in Little Bardfield. Doug Wyatt explained the feedback he has received so far from the County Council.
4. **Public forum and questions from residents:**
  - 1) **Village litter-pick day** – Residents were invited to join E McKendry-Gray and C Hindley in the village hall car park on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, where bin bags and gloves would be provided.
  - 2) **Defibrillator** – Jayne Paul will be raising funds to buy a defibrillator from the Community Heartbeat Trust and there was a discussion on how it would work and on potential sites. The telephone box could be used but there would be an additional charge of £25 per month to retain the telephony service. An alternative to location could be outside the pub and the Clerk agreed to ask the landlord if he would be supportive. An electricity supply would be needed and usage would be low.
  - 3) **Speeding** – Doug Wyatt would be keen to reinstate the Community Speedwatch group if enough volunteers come forward
  - 4) **Update on conservation area proposal** – the District Council has produced a report, to be presented to Cabinet for a decision.
  - 5) **Development** – a resident stated that he and others in the village might be supportive of small developments in Little Easton and it could be time for the Parish Council to show some support for smaller developments.

- 6) **The beacon** would be lit as part of the VE Day commemorations.
- 7) **Footpath** - There is concern that the owners of Lt Easton Manor would apply to close the public footpath through their land.
- 8) **Precept** - A member of the public questioned the need to raise the precept for the coming year as the District and County Councils have not raised their part of the Council Tax.
- 9) Chairman's Report (attached)
- 10) District Councillors' Reports (attached)
- 11) Date of next Annual Parish Assembly – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 7.30pm
- 12) Meeting closed at 8.50pm