



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 21st May
2018 at the Community Centre Great Notley**

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Heady (Chair) Crawford, Cunningham, Price,
Cooper, Arthur, Griffin and the Clerk
County Councillor Butland was present

Four members of the public were present

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Councillor Ricci and also from Claire Russell from Notley Green School and Sandra Reynolds from Sustrans.

2. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting held Monday 22nd May 2017.

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2017 were **agreed** by Councillors as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. Financial Report

The draft accounts for year end 31st March 2018 were presented and it was noted that they are due to be considered and approved at the Annual Parish Council meeting.

4. To hear from organisations that received a grant from the Parish Council in the last financial year.

A representative from the Scouts confirmed that the grant received from the Parish Council had been used to purchase CPR mannequins for first aid training which can also be shared with other community organisations. They publicise the fact the equipment was purchased with grant money in their newsletter, in the Great Notley Times magazine and at the fete.

A representative from the NGCA confirmed that the grant received from the Parish Council had been used to pay for the hire of zorb balls and bungee trampoline attractions at the fete together with meeting some administrative costs. The fete had made a profit of just over £6,200 with around a third of the profit coming from the dog show. The profits are shared among the NGCA affiliates including the Scouts and also used to purchase the defibrillator which is now located at the Community Centre. The fete is due to take place this year on 14th July 2018.

A representative from the Carpet Bowls Club confirmed that grant money received from the Parish Council and also from the District Councillors fund

had been used to purchase new bowling mats for the club. He felt it had enabled the club to improve and it had placed 4th out of 8 teams in the winter league. There are currently 36 players in the club and thanks for the grant had been expressed in the Great Notley Times.

5. Parish Council Chairman's Report on the Year.

Councillor Heady provided his annual report which will be published on the Parish Council website and in the Great Notley Times magazine.

6. County Councillor's Report

Councillor Butland had provided a written report which will be published in the Great Notley Times. In addition, he reported that he has been the County Councillor for this area for just over a year. The area comprises 8 Parish Councils and he has managed to attend at least four meetings of each Parish Council in his area. Issues that have arisen have varied but have included highway issues including potholes and speeding. He has also worked with local District Councillors.

7. District Councillors' Report

District Councillor Cunningham reported that the three District Councillors provided funding through the grant scheme to purchase 2 defibrillators for this Parish and towards to purchase of the mats for the local carpet bowls club. They have also dealt with casework from residents. The Local Development Plan has progressed to the stage where it will be considered by the Planning inspector. Braintree District Council is also progressing a scheme to regenerate the centre of Braintree. Also, the District Council has acquired the 63 acres of land on the far side of the A131 (Skyline 2) previously owned by Countryside properties and is considering how to progress the development of that land for employment purposes. In response to a question from the Chairman he confirmed that serious consideration would be given to the need for proper landscape screening between development and the A131 and that there remained a commitment around the provision of an allotment site within the developed area.

8. Any other matters raised by Residents.

A representative from the local Women's Institute was present but had no specific questions.

A representative from the NGCA raised the fact that the roof of the Community Centre is leaking and Councillor Cunningham stated that he would raise this with the relevant department at Braintree District Council who is the freeholder.

Meeting concluded at 7.58pm

