**STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**THURSDAY 16 MAY 2019 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Martyn Fall (Chairman) Michael Crago (Vice-Chairman)

Vanessa Young Neil Pyman

Val Kerrison Karen Grant

Andrew Drysdale (arrived late)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Richard van Dulken (BDC)

Debbie Hilliard

**19/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**19/2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2018**

Agreed and signed.

**19/3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2018**

None.

**19/4 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman’s report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was agreed and accepted.

**19/5 VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT – MRS YOUNG**

Vanessa tabled a copy of the village hall accounts for 2018. It was noted that the accounts showed a loss for the year. Parish councillors raised questions on some of the figures shown in the accounts. Mrs Young will raise these questions at the next meeting of the village hall committee.

**19/6 EMERGENCY PLANNING REPORT – MR CRAGO**

Michael advised that the Emergency Plan is currently up to date.

**19/7 PUBLIC TRANSPORT REPORT – MR DRYSDALE**

Richard advised he is attending a BDC meeting re public transport and invited any comments or statements be made that he could take to the meeting on the parish council’s behalf. Vanessa advised that volunteer driver scheme is now impractical for many people to use as it only offers one-way journeys. Many people use the scheme to get to hospital appointments and it is no use to them if they cannot get a return journey after their appointment.

**19/8 FOOTPATHS REPORT – MRS GRANT**

Mrs Grant continues to monitor footpaths there are some minor issues to be reported to ECC.

**19/9 PLANNING REPORT**

The only major issue to note was the application to build a number of houses on land at Chapel End Way which is currently under consideration by BDC. The Parish Council have opposed the application.

**19/10 BDC REPORT – CLLR VAN DULKEN**

Richard was invited to present his report. He confirmed he had been re-elected at the recent elections. The Conservative Party lost 9 seats at the election. The following points were noted:-

* The Councillors’ Community grant scheme will continue for 2019/20.
* Richard has met parishioners individually to discuss various issues.
* Environmental achievements for BDC include achieving 50.9% recycling rate of all waste collection.
* BDC has received 40 awards from the Essex Playingfields Association.
* There were 800 incidents of fly tipping which were removed within 24 hours and some incidents have led to prosecutions.
* Planning and housing developments continue to proceed across the district. Martyn pointed out the need for BDC to put in place a Local Plan.

**19/11 ECC REPORT – CLLR FINCH**

Not present.

**19/12 GENERAL DISCUSSION**

No items tabled.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed: ………………………………………….. Dated: ………………………………………..