

SOUTHOE & MIDLOE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES of ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Held on MONDAY 6th APRIL 2016

In SOUTHOE VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm

PRESENT:-

Mrs S. Penton	SP	Chairman
Mr. D. Saw	DS	Vice Chairman
Mr. A. Marnes	AM	

Also Present: - County Councillor Julie Wisson, District Councillor Terry Hayward and two members of the public.
The Parish Clerk was not present by arrangement

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Mr. I. Davies. Mrs. H. Ramply was also absent. However, this not a normal meeting and Councillors are not obliged to attend.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None
- 3. MINUTES** - As this is the first year we have been asked to produce Minutes there were none for approval from last year.
- 4. FINANCE**
 - (1) Mr. Holdaway's invoice for £120.00 for Churchyard Maintenance on 21st March was authorised for payment.
 - (2) **HDC's** quote for Grounds Maintenance at £94.73 per visit plus VAT was accepted. **SP** will ask the Clerk to respond to HDC accordingly.
- 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** - **The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and then read out her report as attached.**
- 6. No other reports were submitted as no request had been made.**
- 7. The residents present were then invited to raise any matters and to pose any questions to the District, County and Parish Councillors.**

Churchyard path:- It was pointed out that the path was considered to be hazardous to walk on especially for those who have difficulty walking. One suggestion was for some kind of matting to be laid down. However, it was thought that, with wear over time, this could also be a trip hazard. Some thought will be given to this in an effort to find a solution. However, consultation will have to take place with the church authorities, as it is their land even though it is a closed churchyard and the Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance.

Overgrown shrubs encroaching on footpaths.

In some places around the village pedestrians are forced to step off the pavement in order to walk round these shrubs. The only solution seemed to be for the residents to be requested to trim their hedges/shrubs.

CCTV – **DS** outlined the latest situation. He explained that Balfour Beatty had granted permission for a camera to be fitted to a lamppost. A trench is needed for cables in the churchyard, which would involve archaeologist's advice. Data protection has been considered and assurance is given that access to camera footage will be limited to just a few people. Assurance was also given that cameras will not be directed at any properties in that area.

Street Lighting - **AM** explained that our maintenance contract with Balfour Beatty had expired in respect of the 14 columns that are owned by the Parish Council and that we are currently investigating a new contractor. Negotiations are almost complete and there will be significant savings in the long run.

Village Hall new double-glazing – It was noticed that the VH heating seemed to be more efficient since the new doors and windows have been installed. Credit is due to Mrs. Saward, the Village Hall Management Committee Chairman for managing this project.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their input and closed the meeting at approx. 8.30pm.

Signed for and on behalf of Southoe & Midloe Parish Council..........2016

CHAIRMAN