

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - CALVER

Minutes of the Calver Annual Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall, Calver on Thursday 16th April 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present- Calver Parish Councillors:

Councillors Jonathan Harris (Chairman), Judith Canty, Beatrice Carman, John Hearnshaw, Pat Howard, Ron Marshall and Patricia Wootton.

Also in Attendance:

Simon Oldham (Clerk).

Apologies:

Councillor Marlene Denton and Councillor Kath Potter (PDNPA).

2015.1 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 17th April 2014

Approved as a correct record.

2015.2 Chairman's Annual Report 2014/15

Having circulated copies of his annual report, the Chairman drew attention to some of the salient points:-

- His thanks to John White for his service to the Council and as Chairman having retired as Councillor last May
- A welcome to newly elected Councillor Ron Marshall who had been co-opted on to the Council in the role vacated by John White
- Finance – the precept was just under £8k and a summary of expenditure for the year totalling £7135 was broken down in to its component parts
- The lobbying and representations about Superfast Broadband had now come to fruition with a connection to the cabinet via British Telecom having recently been secured
- The Council had secured the retention of the old Victorian post box following closure of the Old Post Office on Main Street and its relocation into the wall at the new Spar shop at the Crossroads. Members of the Council viewed this as an important part of the Village heritage
- The Snow plan had been reviewed, which seemed to be working well and thanks were conveyed to the Snow Warden and his deputy for their efforts particularly in respect of the heavy Boxing day snowfall
- Use of the LINK magazine was being used in an attempt to convey the activities being undertaken by the Parish Council

The Chairman concluded by expressing his thanks to fellow Councillors Cate Hunt, the retiring Derbyshire Dales District Council Ward Member, Kath Potter (PDNPA) and the Clerk, Simon Oldham for all their help and support during the last year.

2015.3 Issues to be raised by Parish Electors

The following matters were raised:-

- Has anything been resolved regarding re-instating the Christmas tree erection at the Cross? The Chairman confirmed that arrangements were in hand to talk further with Derbyshire County Council regarding its requirements and the Council were quietly hopeful that this would be re-instated this year
- Dog bins had been removed, there was mess on the pavements and black bags strewn across the road. Do people know to put dog waste in the standard litter bins? The Chairman advised that having removed the bins, DDDC were supposed to have placed a sticker on all general litter bins advising that dog mess should now be placed in these bins. He undertook to provide further publicity in this regard via the LINK magazine
- Is it clearly defined what the Snow Wardens do? The Chairman confirmed that the Snow Plan clearly set out the responsibilities and the sequence of actions that were carried out. This was mainly limited to the access and egress to the village and footpaths around the Senior Citizen bungalows on Smithy Knoll Road. This was what was practicable given the limited manpower. Whilst additional volunteers could be attracted, there were insurance and risk assessment implications that had impeded this approach thus far.

The Chairman concluded by advising that the Parish Council elections were due to take place next month and nine candidates had put up for the eight Councillor positions on the Council. In addition, he thanked those local Parishioners attending this evening.

The Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7.59 pm.