MINUTES OF ROWTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 15 MAY 2017

Present: Cllr Pat Fitton Cllr Morfudd Salmon Cllr Glenys Harrison Cllr Bob Knight

In attendance Christine Davies (Clerk)

1 To elect Chair Person and Vice-Chair Person

Nominations for the position of Chair Person was called for: Cllr Morfudd Salmon proposed Cllr Bob Knight and this was seconded by Cllr Pat Fitton – agreed unanimously.

Nominations for the position of Vice-Chair Person was called for: Cllr Morfudd Salmon proposed Cllr Glenys Harrison and this was seconded by Cllr Bob Knight – therefore agreed unanimously.

2 To receive Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Bob Knight as Chair Person completed and signed his declaration of acceptance of office and this was also signed by the Clerk. Cllr Glenys Harrison as Vice-Chair Person completed and signed her declaration of acceptance of office and this was also signed by the Clerk.

3 To receive Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Karen Newbury (work commitment) and Cllr Paul Shannon (work commitment)

4 To receive Cllr Karen Newbury's resignation.

The Parish Council received Cllr Newbury's notice of resignation with regret.

5 To receive Chair's Annual Report

The Chair's report was received and accepted unanimously by all members. The Chair started her report with welcoming Cllr Paul Shannon to the Council and commented on his expertise as a great help. However, it was with regret that Karen Newbury was stepping down and her support and contribution will be greatly missed. The Parish Council again hosted another successful Christmas Carols on the Green which was blessed with fine weather. The Parish Council has joined a Village Ward Speeding Group along with other local parishes and Rowton is hoping to have a speed van operating along the A41 between the hours of 8pm and 6pm. As Moor Lane is a speeding rat run the Council asked for volunteers to help operate a speed gun, however, this only met with one response. Rosemary Boothroyd, who had for many years tended to the bushes and plants, around the Memorial Stone on the Village Green passed away last year and in commemoration the Parish Council, together with her family, planted a rhododendron bush in her honour. The Chair thanked everyone for their input and time in keeping Rowton Parish Council running smoothly. The full report can be viewed on the parish council website <u>www.rowtonparishcouncil.org.uk</u>

6 To receive Annual Financial Report

The Financial Report was received and accepted unanimously by all members which gave a breakdown of income and expenditure for the financial year 2016/17 and the full report can be viewed on the parish website <u>www.rowtonparishcouncil.org.uk</u>

7 Open Forum – Questions from Electors

There were no members of the public present.