

MERTON PARISH COUNCIL M5/17

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS OF MERTON HELD IN MERTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7P.M. ON 22 MAY 2017.

PRESENT: Parish Council Vice Chairman F. Foxon (FF).

IN ATTENDANCE: Tracey Charlesworth (Clerk); Cllrs. P. Murphy, R. Leaver and one parishioner (arrived 7.30pm).

17/01 **APOLOGIES:** Chairman Cllr. R. Foord.

17/02 **MINUTES:** Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parishioners of Merton PC held on 16 May 2016 at 7pm were confirmed as a correct record of that meeting previously signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting on M9/16 – 16/108 – 4.1 - 19 September 2016.

16/03 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** In the absence of the Chairman no report was presented.

16/04 **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Presented by the RFO and accepted as part of the minutes (*see below*).

16/05 **COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT(S):** None.

16/06 **'200 CLUB':** No update.

16/07 **NETWORK RAIL:** No update.

16/08 **REPORTS FROM GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES:**

- **Merton Fete And Beer Festival Committee:** No representative present.
- **Merton Community Woodland Committee:** Written report presented and accepted as part of the minutes (*see below*): Report to be emailed to councillors and clerk (FF) and published on the notice board and a copy included in the parish magazine (RL) and website (Clerk). Utilising the Parish Magazine: an advert to go in about the Parish Council vacancy and to advertise and encourage the use of the Merton Village website and Merton Facebook Page.

Action: Cllrs. FF

16/10 **OPEN FORUM:**

- The Vice Chairman Cllr. FF welcomed and thanked Tony Bradley for expressing an interest in being co-opted onto the parish council. The Parish Council would consider as part of its meeting.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.32pm.

Draft Minutes subject to Confirmation.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2016/17

Balance Brought F/wd	£14,348.18	
	£10.00	
		£14,358.18
Add Total Receipts	£13,901.37	
Add £40.00 rec/d but kept in Petty Cash tin.	£ 40.00	
Less Total Payments	£13,099.92	
Balance C/fwd		£15,199.63

Precept for the year £8,005 an increase of 1.32% on previous year

Main expenditure for the year 2016/17:

Grass Cutting: Play Area £1,795 (increase of £475 on last year) – Woodland £2,110 (increase of £1,560 on last year)

Insurance: £847.18 down on last year £429.82 (new provider: Includes Clerk insurance)

Clerks Pay/Exp £2,345 (includes overtime 2015/16 £554)

Village Hall Cleaner £180 down on last year £346 (however, the period Dec 2016 to March 2017 is o/s)

Adopt a site: Cost is covered by income from CD.C.

Electricity: monitoring use;

Football: Line marking fluid approx. £0.00

Audit costs £370

Dog bin emptying £40 (payment made in 2017/18 belonging to 2016/17)

Fire Inspection £40.50

Annual Play Area Inspection £69.00

Income:

Village Hall: £2,837 (Down £163 down on last year)

Open Spaces: £1,410 (Down £273 on last year) football and caravan hire

Adopt a Site (as above)

C.D.C. – Election hall hire £420.00 (overpayment of £140; waiting to hear from C.D.C with regard any repayment)

One Offs

Expenses:

Website £500 (covered by grant)

NALC: One off payment to Clerk £100

Contribution to Parish Magazine £100

Village Hall Door Repaired £145

Village Hall Electrical Works £890

Woodland: Purchase padlock £43.12 and safety equipment £59 (Woodland Fund)

Purchase hard drive £39

Income:

C.D.C. – Rate refund £151 (o/s from previous year)

Defibrillator: Donation of £200

Thames Water: £840.95 (recalculated invoices; meter not working correctly)

SSE SWALEC: £501.02 Refunds following meter readings

OALC £638.12 (Transparency Code: Website)

Fund Balances End of Year 2017:

Woodland Fund £675

Village Hall Fund: £4,170 (Incl. Donations £496)

Burial Fund £400

Pension Fund £400

Defibrillator Fund: £200 (above)