## <u>Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting</u> <u>Held on 12/05/2015</u> <u>At Creaton Village Hall</u>

Start 7.30pm – Meeting opened by Chairman Cllr James Hill

Welcomed: County Councillor Cecile Irving Swift, Speaker Alice Ellis Daventry District Council and 32 residents in attendance including 6 Creaton Parish Councillors.

Apologies received: District Councillor Ian Barratt, District Councillor Kevin Parker, District Councillor Nick Bunting, NHW Coordinator I Keers, D Moody CEO NALC, PCSO J Hillery, Mrs Mercer Head Teacher Creaton Primary School,

Minutes of meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014 were read out by Chairman Cllr James Hill, and approved as a true record.

7.40pm - Presentation **Big Switch Daventry**: a community money saving energy scheme –Alice Ellis from Daventry District Council gave a presentation and leaflets and presentation left for resident's information. Deadline for scheme after this presentation 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015. I resident shared their experience of the scheme and Councillor Cecile Irving Swift also gave her own scenario. Presentation was well received

8.00 pm- Reports from Village Organisations and Under Section 37 of the Charities Act 1960 and accounts of village charities to be received

- a) Ducklings Pre-School R Rowlett Good growth from surrounding villages and the move to the school site, Accounts recently shared with CPC, little change to those.
  - n Relief in Nee Michael Rogerson Not available
- b) Creaton Relief in Neec) Beynons Educational charity
  - Michael Rogerson Not available
- d) Beynons Eleemosynary Foundation Michael Rogerson Not available
- e) Creaton Playing Field Association Ian Horne Provided a summary of activities that the playing field association had held which included Car boots sales which had been reduced to 4 per year due to capacity. Fundraising events Tribute Band night and Quiz night held. They had Income of £8295. Expenditure of £4771.00 which included replacing bark on the play are, grass cutting cost, insurance and the purchase of new goal posts.

There has been an increase in Dogs off the lead on the playing field and that their owners are not always cleaning up after them. New signage has been installed to prompt the regulations applicable to Dog owners.

A general request for parents to remind their children that running through the crop fields is not allowed, and that a general respect for the property should be shown as this is a village asset run and managed by volunteers. This is to keep a harmonious relationship with the land owners and village users. Ian thanked CPC and the villagers for their support.

f) Village Hall Committee Jill Woolven from the Village hall Committee, No financial information was provided but it was brought to the attention of all that there had been investment in refurbishment which included new windows, redecoration, new curtains, and improvements to the kitchen. There has been a reduction in income with Ducklings moving so a plea to the village for bookings for events. Use of the village hall needs to increase and potentially Pilates starting. TBC. All agreed the village hall was looking much fresher.

## To Receive the following Annual Reports (3 mins each)

- a) Northamptonshire Police Not available no report provided.
- b) NHW Ian Keers Not available Short report 29 residents on the village circulation list that provides information directly from the Police to villages, information on village website. Cllr Cecile Irving-Swift suggested that those not registered should do so that as a village we are better informed. All agreed.
- c) Report by Northamptonshire County Councillor Cecile Irving-Swift Generally Northamptonshire County Council has experienced further cuts to services, and these will be published on the website, attendees were asked to view the council budget and feel free to contact Cecile direct if residents had any questions, concerns.
  Councillor Irving-Swift had given £500 to Creaton Parish Council for footpaths, £500 to the Primary School to support the cost of a school trip. This has come from Empowering Councillors and Communities Scheme. Cllr Cecile Irving-Swift , is happy to take residents' concerns forward
- d) Creaton Parish Council Annual Report was read out. Cllr James Hill mentioned the new structure and that Parish Councillors had areas of response bility. The last vacancy had just been filled by co-opted Cllr John Palmer to the Parish Council . All Creaton Parish Council Policies were under review and will be updated on the website as they are approved. The new Grants Policy only available in May was available for groups to take away this evening, and can be downloaded from the website in the next week. As the Parish Council has many new councillors, all procedures were being brought up to date with new legislation. He thanked the Parish Clerk, and other Parish Councillors for their support, and confirmed that Richard Hollingum would continue to be the Footpath warden and was grateful of this support, these are footpaths that are across land, not the footpaths at the roadside.
- e) Creaton Primary School Emma Mercer, Provided report This was read out by the Chairman and additional copies were circulated and displayed on the table for residents

## 1. Reports from Creaton's Clubs and Societies (if provided)

- a) Creaton Singers Informal report read out and copy on display No accounts required
- b) Creaton Walking Group Informal report read out and copy on display No accounts required
- 2. Parish Councillors Reports Reports were presented as follows:-

Cllr R Thomas Street Lights, Dog Fouling

Cllr M Aveyard – Village Sign, Village Link, Community Events, Footpaths the Jetty, Horseshoe Close, and the team work in achieving these efforts.

Cllr J Shanks – Village Website, details for residents to take away on the table.

Cllr G White – Green Spaces – report read out by Cllr Hill. Comments on cemetery noted, Cllr Hill informed all that a new contract had been awarded to R&G Grounds Maintenance Contractors East Haddon. The Cemetery works will need to be in line with regulations and thanked residents for their feedback and positive comments as well on the effort to do the best with-in the Parish Councils budget.

Cllr C Thomas – Defibrillator and the importance as we are a rural area and the demographics of the village, Cllr Cecile Irving Swift provided an actual need in a village very close in the last few months that had saved the life of the individual. Cllr Thomas also spoke about the work on improving safety on Violet Lane for pedestrian's and traffic at peak times, signage, Road markings to be implemented in this 2015/6 NCC Budget.

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm and invited attendees for coming to the meeting for light

refreshments provided by Cllr S Winter, Creaton Post Office.

## Date provided for the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting (Tues 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016)

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