



# Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Rugeley Town Council Offices, Taylor's Lane, Rugeley, at 7:15 pm Wednesday 7 May 2014.

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Alexander                      T. Jones  
                                 Mrs P. Ansell                      J. Bowater  
                                 D. Gaye                              A. Wilkinson  
                                 R. Jones                              G. Martin  
                                 J. Martin                              J. Rowley (Chair)  
                                 H. Southwell                      G. Grant  
                                 J. Johnson                              P. Williams

ALSO PRESENT:                      Miss N. Somani – Town Clerk

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors P. Emery, A. Allt, M. Grocott and R. Jones.

**2. Chairman's report 2013-14**

The chairman gave the meeting an overview of engagements that he had attended over his year as Chairman. These included Civic Services, Church Services and many formal dinners.

The Chairman advised that £3310.00 of grant aid had been given to 10 charities with the council supporting projects like the 'Dry Docking of the Narrow Boat' at Chancel Primary School. This would be used as a library and community space, the only one of its kind in the Country.

The Chairman highlighted some events including the Cannock Chase Scouts march on St. Georges day from Aelfgar School to St. Augustine's Church and a parade organised by the Staffordshire Regiments Association which marched from Mansfield House through Rugeley town centre with Watchman leading the parade.

The 2013 Charter Fair was a massive success as was the annual Back to School with a Bang event.

The Chairman thanked the Theatre Management Company for their continued hard work and improvements to the use of the theatre. He also thanked the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk for their support and guidance.

### 3. Open Forum

The following items were raised in the public open forum:

- (i) The project on bridge 7 – replacement of the horns as a historic arts feature. It was requested that the Town Council support the project and that the feature is restored or a replica produced.
- (ii) The Chairman gave a list of grants that had been awarded, these included:
  - a. C.E.S.S £ 450.00
  - b. Charity for the provision of Rec. Grounds £ 100.00
  - c. Chancel Primary School PTFA £ 260.00
  - d. Chetwynd's Charity £ 500.00
  - e. Etching Hill Village Hall £ 500.00
  - f. Katherine House Hospice £ 250.00
  - g. Litchfield and District Live at Home Scheme £ 300.00
  - h. Rugeley Cats Society £ 250.00
  - i. Rugeley Open Spaces Association £ 200.00
  - j. Staffordshire South West CAB £ 500.00
- (iii) Members were informed that there was a RNLI special branch service taking place at the meeting at St. Augustines Church, Rugeley.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 19:30 p.m.

Signed: .....

Date: ..... 4 June 2014 .....