

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Normanton on the Wolds held on Thursday March 17, 2014,
at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 6.30pm**

The chairman, Coun. Gerald Fletcher welcomed eight residents to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

1] **Apologies:** Coun. David Grey.

2] **Minutes from previous Annual Parish Meeting held on May 20, 2014**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

3] **Chairman's Report**

The chairman gave thanks to those attending. He said he would have hoped to see a better attendance, both at the meeting in question and meetings of the parish council.

In his review of the past year he thanked the Parish Council for their support, and the clerk Mike Elliott.

He spoke of the success, thanks to resident's efforts in last year's Best Kept Village competition when they had won the Best Newcomer in a small village.

Open Garden Trail: It had been agreed the date be changed to 13 July. David and Jodie Gray will organise this event supported by the parish council. They will also prepare an article for the next Newsletter.

Coun. Fletcher gave thanks to Mary and Derek Gee for the flag pole, Nigel Bardsley for initial preparation of site, with flagstones. He thanked Mark Hughes for arranging site with pub owners and David Gray for planting at the site.

He said it was proposed to hold a Memorial Breakfast / Dinner on August 3 2014, the event to mark WW1 Centenary.

On the question of Planning applications the chairman said there had been no contentious applications during the year although he had received several complaints about the effect on the roads, parking and dirt.

Local resident Nigel Cutts suggested a separate leaflet be produced to advertise the meeting next year.

4] **Finance report by the Clerk**

The clerk reported the council had started the 2013/2014 financial year with a figure in hand of £8,760 – with the majority in National Savings. During the year the main items of expenditure were £307 for insurance, £1,194 for grass cutting and maintenance and £195 for waste bin collection. £158 was spent on subscriptions and £55 on audit fees. Meeting room hire was £143 and the council spent £72 on printing of its newsletter. In total the expenditure during the financial year was £5,270.

Income comprised of £5,358 from the precept, £2842 from VAT repaid on goods and services during 2012/2013. Bank interest was £32. The total income for the year was £5,358.

The council ended the year with a balance in hand of £8,849 which meets audit requirements for it to hold a balance of at least 18 months expenditure. The precept for the new financial year is £4,900,

5] **Best Kept Village Competition**

6] **Any other items**

The suggestion of a defibrillator being installed in the village was being followed up by the parish council.

Mr Cutts gave a brief history of the Burnside Hall which the parish council use for their meetings. He said it had been given to Plumtree by Mrs Burnside, in memory of her husband who had been Rector at Plumtree. About 30 years ago it was found its condition as in a poor state and £80,000 had been raised to effect repairs. He asked for the parish council to appoint a representative to the Trustees of which he was chairman.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.