

BIRDBROOK PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2016

PRESENT: Mr T R Walker (Chairman)
Mr S Rhenius (Vice Chairman)
Mr P Smart
Mr A Cook
Mr D Simpson
Mr M Gilbert

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr R Bolton (BDC)
Mrs J Stobart (RCCE)

CLERK: Mrs D Hilliard

16/31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

16/32 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FOR 2015

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Assembly for 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed. Steve Rhenius proposed and Richard Walker seconded.

16/33 MATTERS ARISING

None.

16/34 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman presented his report which will be published and circulated to all households in the parish.

The Chairman also proposed moving the sum of £10,000 to reserves. Agreed.

16/35 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MR R BOLTON

Cllr Bolton reported as follows:-

People – BDC are promoting a safe and healthy living campaign. They also are providing a Home Inspection and Handyman service to assist vulnerable residents.

Prosperity – BDC actively supporting increasing jobs and businesses. Improving and promoting town centres.

Performance – BDC are trying to increase its value for money, customer service and access to BDC for all. There is a review of all public sector owned land and property, the website has been redesigned and they have also had to set aside a budget to fight planning applications.

Partnerships – the greater Essex Authority, road improvements, health partnerships, Business Rate pooling arrangements and also the possible shared building control services with other local authorities.

Cllr Bolton also reported on BDC's success with its environmental and cleanliness campaign with an 83% reduction in litter and the award of Local Authority of the Year by Keep Britain Tidy.

Cllr Bolton then invited questions; one was raised by Steve Rhenius as to the situation regarding plans for a crematorium in Kelvedon. Cllr Bolton responded he was unaware of plans at present.

16/36 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor not present.

16/37 REPORT OF BIRDBROOK COMMUNITY HOUSE TRUSTEES

Richard Walker updated those present that the Chairman of the Parish Council would now be ex-officio Chair to the Community House Trustees, in accordance with the constitution. He reported that the Community House was due to be rethatched in the autumn. Questions were raised about registering its' use as a wedding venue and also restoration of the tennis court.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at approximately 7.55pm

Signed: Dated: