

# **BIRDBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

**30 APRIL 2015**

**PRESENT:** Mr R T Walker (Chairman)  
Mr R Bolton  
Mr D Hoye  
Mrs A Beetson  
Mr L Carter  
Mr S Rhenius

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs D Hilliard (Clerk)

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 2**

The Chairman first asked for a minute's silence to remember Mrs Hazel Hodge, a long standing Parish Councillor, who sadly passed away in April and to note her service to the Parish Council over the years.

Mr James Salmon of County Broadband was also present to outline to the Parish Council the work of County Broadband installing superfast broadband to rural areas. He explained how the system worked and what steps the Parish Council would need to take to establish whether it is possible to install in the village and what uptake there might be. It was agreed that a public meeting should take place. Debbie will liaise with James Salmon for a date.

The meeting opened at 8.30pm.

#### **1, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/APOLOGIES**

None.

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2014**

Derek Hoye proposed and Leigh Carter seconded that the minutes be agreed and signed. All in favour.

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

None.

#### **4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN, MR R WALKER**

Mr Walker presented his report to those present. It will be published in the annual report.

#### **5. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MR R BOLTON**

Mr Bolton stated that in his opinion the treatment of Parish Councils regarding the precept was not well handled by BDC. He also pointed out that BDC are requesting Parish Councils to only object to planning applications on correct planning policy and not generalisations.

**6. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR, MR D FINCH**  
Not present

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at approximately 9.15pm.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....