

**Witham on the Hill Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at**  
**6.00 p.m. in St Andrew's Parish Hall**

**Present:**       **Councillors:** C Henriques, A Greenwood, J Kirkwood, L O'Hara and S Pennant Jones  
                  **Residents**  
                  **Others:** Bernard Champness – Clerk. County Cllr B Adams

The Chair of the Parish Council Cllr C Henriques welcomed all that were present as set out above and welcomed them to the Annual Parish Meeting. The meeting was opened at 18.10

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr O'Hara

**2. To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

2.1 The minutes having been circulated were approved as a correct record and were duly signed by Cllr Henriques

2.2 It was reported that a parishioner wanted to know if we could paint the older paly equipment. Cllr Adams said that he would have a word with M Smith at South Kesteven District Council, who owned the equipment, to see if they can re-paint the equipment or if we can would they object and the colour paint we used. .

**3. Report from the Chair of the Parish Council.**

**3.1** Cllr Henriques said that he would like to thank Councillors for their support during the year.

He would like to thank Parishioners for their continued public-spirited help in helping to keep the area around the old stocks and the Bywells tidy. In particular Frances Plummer and Angela Greenwood along with members of the Parish Council. This is an area where attention will need to be focused in the coming year as the Bywells is badly in need of repair and the roof over the stocks will also need work in due course.

A number of planning applications had been discussed during the year, although happily, none were considered contentious.

Last year the Parish Council resolved to see what could be done to improve the play equipment and seating on the village green. Thanks to a generous grant from the Mick George fund and kind donations from Witham Hall School and Susie Grigson the Parish Council were able to fund the work. This was completed in February and included the installation of new play equipment, upgrading and rearrangement of the existing layout, so that particularly the younger children are now better provided for. There are also two new benches one of which has seating adapted for disabled access. Particular thanks must go to Cllr Lynne O'Hara for coordinating the grant application, donations and appointment of the contractor, so that the works could be done.

The Parish Council has continued to lobby for improvement works to the A6121 via Cllr Bob Adams Lincolnshire County Council. The particular concern is the crossroads at the foot of the hill, where accidents are still occurring on a regular basis. The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership has been contacted to raise concerns and suggest remedial measures, but continuing budget restrictions are frustrating any real progress.

The footpaths in and around the village are generally being maintained to a good standard and a new bridge has been erected over the stream at the bottom of Church field which is a big improvement on the old one. The cooperation of local landowners is much appreciated as always.

**4. To receive a report from the Responsible Financial Officer.**

**4.1** The Clerk Bernard Champness gave details of the income received and how that was spent and what the money had been spent on. There were no questions.

**5. Questions from Residents.**

**5.1**

**5.2**

**6.** There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 18.41. The Chair thanks all for attending and said they were welcome to stay for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.