

**NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR CLOWNE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY 2017 IN THE CENTRE, VILLA PARK,
CLOWNE COMMENCING AT 1900 HOURS**

PRESENT: Councillors K. Oxspring (Chair), N. Page, M. Stanton

APOLOGIES: Councillors G. Buxton, T. Connerton, K. Reid and J.E. Smith

In attendance: Members of the Public and A. Brownsword (Senior Governance Officer (BDC))

**01/17. CONFIRMATION OF THE NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH 2016**

AGREED that the notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday be confirmed as a true and correct record.

02/17. MATTERS ARISING

The Chair asked if there were any matters arising from the notes of the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting. It was noted that there was a disappointing attendance of Parish Councillors at the meeting.

A question was asked regarding the Parish House and whether there would be any replacement of the facility for Community Groups to use. The Chair informed the meeting that the Parish House had become expensive to maintain and the decision had been taken to dispose of the facility. The Clerks office would move to The Centre and those groups that used the Parish House could move to The Centre.

A question was asked regarding the final cost of the Garden of Remembrance as the final cost was considerably more than the quote. No seating had been provided which was in the original plan. The amount contributed by LaFarge was also queried. The Chair agreed to look in to the matter.

A question was asked regarding road signage near the Station. The Chair referred the matter the Derbyshire County Councillor.

A question was asked regarding whether The Centre was run as an entity, or as part of the Parish Council. The Chair explained that The Centre was run as an entity and was run from its own profits. It was requested that the accounts be published as in other Parish Councils. The Chair agreed to look in to the matter when the new Clerk was in post.

A question was asked regarding the cost of a proposed extension to The Centre. The Chair explained that a motion submitted by a Parish Councillor had been discussed regarding the matter at a previous Council Meeting, but it was very early days and no quotes had been received or firm decision had been made.

A question was asked regarding when the trial period for quarterly afternoon meetings would end, as this had been put in place for the convenience of one Councillor. The Chair agreed to look into the matter.

The issue of the proposed boundary changes by the Boundary Commission was raised and a question was asked regarding why the Parish Council had not given more information to the public. It was noted that it was not the responsibility of the Parish Council to provide the information which could be found on the Boundary Commission website. Individual responses would also have more impact than a general response from the Parish Council. The Chair agreed to see if the Parish Council could provide more information.

03/17 PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Chair noted that having only been elected at the beginning of May, there had been little time to prepare a Parish Report, particularly in the absence of a Clerk. However, it was the intention to be more open and cooperate more with parishioners.

04/17 CHARITY TRUSTEES REPORT

It was noted that Councillors Burgess, Buxton, T. Patterson, N. Page, K. Reid and M. Stanton had been appointed trustees of the Watkinson Charity at the AGM on 8th May 2017. There was around £5.00 in the account, but the Charities Commission would not allow the account to be wound up. Unfortunately, there was no way to be able to use the funds as they were to be utilised only for fallen women and children of Clowne. This meant that they could not be given to any of the schools or community groups as they were all open to residents of other communities.

The meeting concluded at 1925 hours.