

**HARTSHORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
South Derbyshire District in the County of Derby

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**Tuesday 24 May 2017**  
**HELD AT THE DETHICK HALL, MANCHESTER LANE, HARTSHORNE**

**PRESENT** - Mr A Jones (Chairman) and 24 members of the public  
**ALSO PRESENT** R Smith Clerk to the Parish Council

**Prior to the start of the meeting a minutes silence was observed in respect of the recent bombings in Manchester in which 22 young people lost their lives and many more injured.**

01/17/PM	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b> Councillor I Harper and S Tomlin (Hartshorne CC).</p>
02/17/PM	<p><b>MINUTES</b> Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10 May 2016, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.</p>
03/17/PM	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b> There was no Matters Arising.</p>
04/17/PM	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b></p> <p>" During the last year two Councillors resigned from the Parish Council. Following advertisement of the vacancies the Parish Council co-opted Mrs L Vale and Mrs S Sharland to the Council as representatives of the Lower Midway Ward. We have supported local resident's in their opposition to a proposed housing development to the rear of Leawood Road, and made representations to the District Council on other planning applications where we have thought that they would have an effect on the local community. Funding was provided to allow the presence of the District Sportsmobile on each of the three recreation grounds during the summer holidays. Maintenance has been carried out on play equipment on the recreation grounds, and a new gate has been installed at Main Street. We continue to employ a lengthsman to carry out litter picking duties on the pavements and recreation grounds. During the year, we have made representations to the County Councils highway department about street lighting outages, highway faults and problem sites for speeding traffic, to Severn Trent water about leakages, and to the District Council about fly tipping, untidy sites and grass cutting. Last year we reported that we had taken over ownership of the red telephone box outside the Admiral Rodney public house and asked for suggestions for its future use. This has now been refurbished and painted and turned into a village information kiosk, by volunteers from the Hartshorne village resident's association.."</p>
05/17/PM	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE PARISH CLERK.</b></p> <p>"It once again gives me pleasure to present the final accounts for 2016/17. Similar to last year these are now audited accounts and are ready to be sent to the Grant Thorntons for final approval. Our Auditor found no problems with the accounts and everything is being carried out within legislation.</p> <p>Last year our income was £27000 as compared with £28000.00 in previous year. There are no significant changes to most of the categories however 'Allotments/Football hire' is down due no lettings at Goseley. Bank interest is down due a 3 year Bond that was taken out is now at an end.</p> <p>Our overall expenditure is again similar to the previous year i.e. £30000 as compared with £29000. However there are significant variations in individual categories. Donations were down mainly because of a one off donation in 2015/16. There was an increase in expenditure on new play equipment at Goseley. Wages and salaries remain constant although the Lengthsman wages reflect the increase in the Minimum Wage.</p> <p>Overall the Parish is in a very sound financial position and this has enabled the your Parish Councillors to maintain one of the lowest precepts in the SDDC area (if not Derbyshire). Are there any questions "</p>

06/17/PM	<p><b>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM ORGANISTIONS</b></p> <p>1. Verbal reports were received from, Dethick Hall Committee, Goseley Community Centre, Goseley Neighbourhood Watch, Hartshorne Charities, Hartshorne Cricket Club, Swadlincote 1st Responders, HRVA and Hartshorne Ladies Club. A written report was received from Hartshorne CC. Parish Council were pleased that all the organisations reported increases in membership and were continuing to thrive.</p>
07/17/PM	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>1. Several members of the public were concerned with parking along Main Street outside the school. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>2. District Councillor Smith asked if links with other organisation could be improved on the Parish website.</p>
08/17/PM	<p>The Chairman thanked the ladies for providing the refreshments and all the residents who attended the meeting. The Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.</p> <p>Signed..... Dated.....</p>