

BLACK TORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 20th May 2015

Present: Cllrs J. Nutt, P. Roberts, M. Down, D. Haywood, T. Laws, B. Garrett, D.Bates, C. Lock, N. Berkeley, M.Taylor (Clerk)

In attendance: Cllr. B. Parsons, Cllr. P. Hackett, Community Police Support Officers Mark James and Amanda Brown, Mrs. Laws, Mr. Adams

1 Election of chairman and vice chairman.

Cllr. Nutt proposed that Cllr. Roberts continue as chairman. This was seconded by Cllr. Bates and agreed unanimously.

Cllr. Roberts proposed Cllr. Nutt but she did not wish to continue as vice chairman. Cllr. Roberts then proposed Cllr. Berkeley and this was seconded by Cllr. Nutt and agreed unanimously.

The chairman welcomed and congratulated all Cllrs. on their recent election to the post.

2 Declarations of Acceptance and Registers of Interests were then completed by all cllrs.

3 Open Session.

Cllr. Hackett addressed the meeting giving some insight into the topics he has already dealt with since his election. The PCs of Coham Bridge will work out a timetable so that their meetings will not clash allowing Cllr. Hackett to attend them all. He is arranging cllr. training for all his group of parishes in early July.

Cllr. Parsons then congratulated the members and thanked the members of the previous council for their efforts. He talked of the grave state of the county finances especially regarding road maintenance.

CPSO Mark James spoke about crime in the area which largely takes place around isolated rural buildings.

4 Previous AGM minutes.

Following a proposal by Cllr Nutt, seconded by Cllr. Down these were approved and signed.

5 Village Hall Committee Representative: Cllr. Laws.

6 Playing Field Committee Representative: Cllr. Garrett.

7 Planning Applications Scrutiny: Cllr. Berkeley.

8 The Internal Audit was approved and the **Annual Governance Statement** was signed off.

9 Standing Orders were reviewed and adopted with the following alterations:

Page 86, line 1- strike out “not”.

Page 104 b, change two” to “three”.

Page 111, for clarity, “Responsible Financial Officer) is the Clerk.

10 Inventory of Parish Council Assets was approved following a proposal by Cllr. Berkeley, seconded by Cllr. Laws.

11 Complaints Procedure was distributed and approved as above.

12 Freedom of Information Requests procedure reviewed. To be considered more fully at next Council meeting.

13 Media Enquiries procedure to be developed.

14 Parish Council Insurance. Agreement to reinsure with Came and Co as no satisfactory alternative available.

The next AGM will take place in May 2016.