

# **RATTLEDEN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

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## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 May 2016 at 7.30pm in Rattlesden Village Hall**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Cllr Kerry Burn (Chairman), Cllr Peter Brooke, Cllr Bridget Goodchild and Cllr Julie Rayner;  
County and District Councillor: Cllr Penny Otton;  
23 members of the public; and  
Parish Clerk: Mr Doug Reed (who took the minutes).

### **2016/01 Welcome and Introductions**

Those in attendance were welcomed formally by Cllr Kerry Burn, Chairman of the Parish Council, who chaired the meeting.

### **2016/02 Apologies for Absence**

Received from: Parish Cllr Dan Jewers, Parish Cllr Esther Jewson, Parish Cllr Russell Morley and Mr Adam Fayers (Football Club).

### **2016/03 Minutes of the Last Annual Parish Meeting**

It was proposed by Mrs Judy Angus, seconded by Ms Pauline Baker, that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 19 May 2015, be approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman. The proposal was carried. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **2016/04 County and District Council**

Cllr Mrs Penny Otton provided a comprehensive report on both Councils and on matters relevant to the village [written report held with the minutes].

### **2016/05 Parish Council**

Cllr Kerry Burn delivered a full breakdown on the activities of the Parish Council in the past year [written report held with the minutes].

### **2016/06 Open Forum and Special Announcements**

The meeting enabled those present, plus representatives from the organisations, bodies and groups which serve Rattlesden, to ask questions, offer comments, and/or highlight issues of particular concern. The following were in attendance some of whom took the opportunity to provide displays:

**Allotment Association** (Mr Mike Smith)

**Community Council** (Mr Martin Evans)

**Footpath Officer** (Mrs Gaye Reid)

**Friends of Rattlesden Church** (Mr Kevin Widdick)

**Gardening Club** (Mr Brian Balaam)

**History Group** (Mrs Bridget Goodchild)

**Playgroup** (Ms Joan Sibley)

**Post Office** (Mrs Judy Angus)

**Primary School** (Mrs Bridget Burke)

**Ratty Ladies** (Mrs Judy Angus/Mrs Lynda Beale)

**River Working Group** (Mr Chard Wadley)

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**Tree Officer** (Mrs Carol Williamson)  
**Village Charity** (Mr Brian Balaam)  
**Village Hall** (Ms Sue Thomas)  
**Web Site** (Mrs Kerry Burn)

It was again evident that the village was home to a vibrant and enthusiastic range of services and activities; that there was an abundance of facilities, and a host opportunities for everyone to get involved in the community.

The opportunity to visit displays and speak with representatives from the diverse group of organisations was welcomed by those attending and offered an innovative new approach to the process of the meeting.

*Written reports, as supplied by some organisations, held with the minutes.*

**2016/07**

## **Close**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their time in attending, and for their contributions in making the evening a success. The majority of attendees then moved to the Community Shop which was opened especially to coincide with the event to enable a better understanding to be gained of its importance to the village.

**The meeting closed at 8.35pm.**