MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14th MAY 2018 AT 7PM AT THE LANE END SPORTS PAVILION

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs - Mr G Coulter, Mr M Detsiny, Mr C Harries, Mr W Hunt, Mrs J Osborn, Mr C Stewart, Mrs M Dunning, Mr N King, Mr K Wright. Mr T Nolan and Mrs A Sarney

H Glasgow, Clerk

ABSENT: None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 4

Chairman's Annual Report

Councillor Detsiny thanked Councillors for all of their hard work over the year.

Finance Report

Councillor Coulter gave an overview of Councils financial status. Council aims for a balanced budget and hopes to get as close as possible.

He demonstrated that over 80% of the Council's budget had to be allocated to fixed costs and therefore the margin for discretionally spending was limited.

He explained that the principal reason for the large increase in the precept 2018/19 was the need to create a sizeable sinking fund to provide for replacing street lanterns and columns that will all coming to the end of their normal life span.

Street lighting is one of Council's heaviest annual expense; we are the authority for the majority of street lights in the parish.

Cllr Detsiny thanked Cllr Coulter and The Clerk for their work on Councils finances over the year.

Playing Fields Report

Cllr Harries gave a report on The Playing Fields. He talked about the refurbishment of the Pavilion and the MUGA. There are now various teams using the MUGA on a regular basis and this is producing a healthy and rising income stream.

He thanked Anita Hanson and Mark Lockwood for all their hard work over the last few years.

Cllr Detsiny thanked Cllr Harries for the enormous amount of time he has given to The Playing Fields project which would not have reached fruition without his endeavour.

The meeting was closed at 7.20pm.