

**WATH AND NORTON CONYERS PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2015
AT SAMWAIES HALL AT 6.30pm**

1. **Present:** Cllr Mrs J Graham (Chairman), Cllr G Peace, Cllr S Taylor, County Cllr M Atkinson, S Hare (Clerk)
2. **Apologies:** Cllr J Clarke
3. **Minutes** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 May 2014 were approved and signed. (Cllr Peace proposed and Cllr Taylor seconded).
4. **Chairman's Report:** May 2014 to May 2015

We have had regular meetings throughout the year, and the usual strong commitment to the Parish from all the Parish Councillors. Thank you for all that you do.

Each member of the Council pulls their weight, we have an equal voice and jobs are shared out. I should also like to thank our Clerk, Shirley Hare, for all the work that she does for us; she has been with us for over 2 years, now. All our meetings are well minuted, accounts are always in order and the minutes are circulated promptly by email.

Unfortunately, this year we have had more than our usual share of rudeness and unpleasant personal criticism from a small amount of residents who live within the Parish. It is disappointing because we run the Parish Council in an efficient way and it can be disheartening when we are all volunteers and put so much effort into what we do.

Highways

There has been a slight improvement regarding response from NYCC to Shirley Hare's requests for repairs to the roads. It could be that she is persistent! White lining on Tanfield Lane junction has been done and various pot holes have been patched. The footpaths are still in a poor state.

Planning

We have had some planning applications; they have all been fairly straightforward.

General Points

- The accounts and PAYE for the Clerk is all in order.
- The grass cutting has improved the village no end.
- The Lime trees which were pollarded in June 2013 are healthy.
- Dog fouling was and is, discussed regularly.

- The Parish Council event held in November 2014, to mark the Centenary of the First World War, was a great success. We had a decent sized exhibition and served refreshments.
- We had the turning on of the Christmas lights, which were in each Lime tree down the village street and we served mulled wine and mince pies. The lights were spectacular and made Wath look very festive and there were lots of favourable comments.
- The 4 benches were re-painted during the year.

We are keeping an eye on the Greyfriars site, with regard to lorries and planning. The site is being used by Heck sausages, at present, for pack

5. Questions from the Public –there were no members of the public present.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm