

Minutes of the Coaley Annual Assembly held on 16th May 2017 in the Village Hall

Councillors in attendance J. Burgess (Chairperson), S. Cook, J. Hobson, B Bywater and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies for Absence: Penny Wait

PRESENTATION by Ben Bywater

Ben welcomed everyone to the meeting, Ben is leading the efforts to address the needs of the village pub. Ben explained briefly that the pub has closed once again, this is a reoccurring scenario. The main concern is as the pub keeps failing the owners will apply for a change of use on the property to turn it residential, which is not considered beneficial for the village. The parish council has applied to the district council to make the pub a community asset, this gives the community the opportunity to purchase the pub within a 6-month window. A working group is now needed to move forward this project. Ben opened up the room for questions.

MINUTES of the Annual Assembly held on 16th May 2016, having been circulated previously to Councillors, were approved by those present at that meeting. The Chairperson then duly signed the minutes.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairperson gave his report on the activity of the council during the previous year and his report is appended to these minutes as Appendix I.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk gave a report on the financial activity of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2017 and this is appended to these minutes as Appendix II.

OPEN FORUM:

Mrs Bozworth produces the welcome to Coaley leaflet and would like to include County Cllr Patrick in there but needs the contact details.

Mrs Bozworth mentioned the new LED street lights in the village, some have installed but not all the lights have been upgraded. This should have been done by March this year.

Kim raised concerns about safety around the school especially during pick up and drop off, parents are not parking on the yellow zigzags but are not parking considerately to other road users. Parents to be encouraged to park in the village hall car park.

Cllr Cook advised fastershire are trying to expand the fibre facilities throughout the village, phase 1 is by the shop. Cabinet 5 which supplies the top half of the village is in potentially in phase 2, more people need to sign up to encourage this to happen.

District councillor Dewey presented to the room, report attached as appendix III.

County Cllr Patrick would prefer to be contacted by telephone rather than email for any matters of priority. CC Patrick is on a couple of different committees and will update on these at future parish council meetings.

Meeting Closed at 8.25 pm.