

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING for East Stoke and Thorpe, held on MONDAY MAY 9, 2017, in the WI Hall at 7pm.

Coun. Gordon Pickering chairman of the parish council, took the chair for the meeting and welcomed seven members of the public to it and Coun. Ivor Walker, Newark and Sherwood District Councillor and Coun. Sue Saddington, Notts County Council member.

1) **Apologies** There were none

2) **Minutes from the previous Annual Parish Meeting**

The minutes of the parish meeting held on May 9, 2016, were accepted as correct and signed by the chairman after it was pointed out that parish councillor Caroline Bilton had been present.

3) **Chairman's report**

Coun. Pickering reported on the work of the council and commented on the resignation from the parish council, of Couns. Tony Sharpe and Greg Stevens and said he was sorry for the reason they had taken their decisions.

4) **Financial Report 2015/2016**

The parish clerk Mike Elliott said the council had started the 2016/2017 financial year with a figure in hand of £37,148 slightly less than the figure for the previous year, when it was £38,400.

During the year the items of expenditure included street furniture and the remnants of CCTV system expenditure which took £1680 General insurance costs were £211, and there was £122 for various subscriptions. Office administration took £1,033 and room hire £112.

In total the expenditure during the financial year was £3,961, some £400 up on 2015-6.

Income for the financial year was £2,755 with £2,500 received through the annual precept. Additionally the council received £12 from bank interest while £43 was recovered from VAT purchases and £200 in grants from the Notts County Council member Coun. Sue Saddington.

The council ended the year with a balance in hand of £35,941, a drop of £1200 on the starting figure.

The precept for the new financial year 2017/2018 is £4,000,

5) **Other business**

Notts County Council member Coun. Sue Saddington was congratulated by the chairman on her re-election to the authority at the election the previous week. She outlined the new Ward area she was responsible for and thanked the parish councillors and the clerk for their work on behalf of the council. She also spoke of a move by the County Highways to obtain as much information as possible from residents on the items they felt needed to be dealt with so they could prioritise their work programme.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.