

HELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 4 April 2018 at 8.30pm in the Helington and Brigsteer Village Hall

Present: Cllrs A Davies (Chairman), B Mansbridge, S Carman, M Cheesbrough, S Savasi, R Caddick, County Cllr J Bland, District Cllr A Rawlinson, Ms J Saunders (Clerk) and 10 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from Cllr K Ritchie.
2. The **Minutes** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 5 April 2017 were approved and subsequently signed by Cllr A Davies.
3. Cllr A Davies presented the **Chairman's Report** on Parish Council activities and parish matters 2017/18. Thanks were conveyed to parish councillors (both former and current) and the Clerk for their work and support, and also to District Cllr A Rawlinson and County Cllr J Bland for their attendance at parish council meetings. Chairman highlighted work in the parish including progress on the implementation of the Community Led Plan; securing a right of way over the lane to parish land off Low Lane; attempts to improve communication with Helington Community Land Trust and SLDC re the proposed housing development on the site next to the Village Hall; the Brigsteer Community Orchard and an effective recent litter pick.
4. **There was an opportunity for members of the electorate to raise any matters relevant to the Parish - no matters were raised.**
5. **Community Led Plan.** Parish Councillors reported on progress with the Action Plan:
 - Housing.** The Housing Group (an advisory group reporting to the Parish Council) is to explore the commissioning of a parish housing needs survey. The Group has also been involved in trying to improve communication with Helington Community Land Trust re its current and future development proposals.
 - Road Safety.** Three parish councillors had undertaken a walk around Brigsteer with Victoria Upton to consider various highways issues including the provision of a pole for a speed indicator device (to be borrowed from SWLAP) on Brigsteer Brow, a 'reduce speed now' sign in the same location and 'pedestrians in the road' signs near the Wheatsheaf. Various issues with potholes, flooding and signage were raised. The possibility of using a lengthsman to undertake minor highways maintenance works was discussed. It was noted that this would require County Council approval and would involve an increase in the precept which would need to be considered when the budget is set in November.
 - Sustainable Environment.** It was reported that dog fouling signage had been installed and that the Wheatsheaf was actively promoting use of the dog waste bin. LDNPA is due to take over responsibility for the PROW network in its area of the parish.
 - Vibrant Communities.** It was reported that data and templates were being gathered in preparation for the production of an Emergency Plan.
6. **Battle's Over, A Nation's Tribute.** Cllr S Carman outlined the bonfire and commemorative event planned for 11 November 2018 at Lumley Fee. An appeal was made for volunteers to act as stewards at the event.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm, after which refreshments were served.

Signed:
(Chairman)
Date: 3 April 2019