

BOURTON AND DRAYCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on May 21st 2018 at 7.30pm

Present *Cllrs Mrs Blazeby, Bach, Wilson.*

In attendance *Mrs Fennell, clerk.*

- 1 *Election Cllr Wilson, proposed by Cllr Bach, seconded by Cllr Mrs Blazeby, was elected unopposed as Chairman, and signed the declaration of acceptance of office*
- 2 *Cllr Wilson reported on the previous year, largely uneventful. Draycote Brook had been dredged to minimise the risk of flooding, a litter bin has been provided at Bourton and a team of volunteers litter pick Draycote. A grit bin is being purchased for Birdingbury Lane, the scene of an accident in the winter, and will enhance road safety. Bourton phone box is owned by the PC and supported by local residents. Draycote phone box is still owned by BT for public use as there is no mobile signal there. He thanked his colleagues for their support.*
- 3 *Treasurers' Report All members received a copy of the report. The parish funds are healthy, having been gradually built up of recent years. Income, including VAT reclaim, had slightly exceeded expenditure.*
- 4 ***Resolution for the PC to declare itself exempt from external audit due to turnover below £25,000. RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Blazeby.***
- 5 ***Resolution to accept governance report. Proposed accepted by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Bach. Carried unanimously.** Council considered the point raised by the auditor as to whether clerks' expenses should be considered as staff costs. It was felt that whoever incurred expense for stationery, etc., whether or not a staff member, would be reimbursed as part of council admin. costs.*
- 6 ***Resolve to accept the accounts 2017-8. Acceptance proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Blazeby. Carried unanimously.** The accounts and exemption declaration would be forwarded to PKF Littlejohn as requested. The meeting closed at 7.50pm*