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**Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Parishioners held at the Friends Meeting House, Castle Road, Hartshill on Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Councillors**: Randle (Chairman), Roberts (Vice Chair) Ormerod, Thomason and Sharp
**In Attendance:** Borough Councillor M. Bell, T. Sharp and O. Hardy (Clerk to Hartshill Parish Council)

**1. Open meeting and Chairman’s welcome**
The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present

**2. Apologies for absence**
Councillors Pearson, Wood.

**3. To confirm and sign minutes of the Annual Assembly held 10th May 2016**

Proposed by Councillor Randle, seconded by Councillor Ormerod and resolved that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record

**4. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**5. Police matters**
No police attendance.

**6. Financial statement**

The financial statement was given by the Clerk:

The precept set by the Parish Council is charged through North Warwickshire Borough Council who set the Council Tax Base figure.

Following the introduction of Council Tax Support in 2013/14 the Borough Council handed down to all Parish Councils grant money they received from the government. From 2014 the grant the Parish Council received reduced year on year and finally in October 2017 as a result of the Borough Council notifying the Parish that they had to make savings of a further £550,000 in its 2018/19 budget it was no longer able to continue making grant payments to Parishes.

The Parish Council decided not to claw back the lost grant money by increasing its precept request further as it is very conscious that any increase affects household budgets and so it resolved to set its precept for the year 2018/19 at £94,781.98 which is an increase of 3% on last years request.

**7. Chairman’s Report**

Report from Chairman Councillor Randle:

This will be my last report as I intend to retire at the end of my current term as Parish Councillor in May 2019.

**Retirement –** Thank you to Brenda Spiers for her 33 years of service as Clerk and to Alan Spiers for almost 11 years as Cemetery Keeper.

 **Cemetery** – The remedial works to the Cemetery entrance have been carried out. Only one resident out of the 5 who use the access were prepared to contribute so we did not think it fair to ask them to do so.

Stephen Clover the newly appointed Grounds Keeper is doing well in his new role.

**Community Centre** – The Centre continues to be busy considering the restrictions imposed by the timing of some activities and now it is also the Parish Office as Olwyn Hardy (Clerk) will be there from 9am – 3pm weekdays. There is considerable organising to do but she is meeting the challenge well.

**Community Café** –The management has changed after nearly 5 years. A big thank you to the Ladies Group who ran it so well and created such a good service and ambience. Nick and Carol with Volunteer helpers are successfully carrying on.

**Community Library** – The library is holding its own regarding footfall and lending. Use has been increased by the ever popular family history group on Monday afternoons and the Knit and Natter group on Friday mornings. Thank you to all the Volunteers who give their time freely and proving the decision to carry on the Library by the Parish Council and the Church was a sound one.

**Hub -** The Hub does not seem so busy with visitors but the use of the computers has increased to compensate and provides a good link to agencies for those who need it.

**Snowhill Recreation Ground** – The rec continues to be well used and justifies the grant funded investment by Sport England. Maintenance is consistently of a high standard judged by the regular inspections which take place. The youth club continues to be popular and well run by the youth leaders. New CCTV cameras have been installed to comply with current evidential legislation. We are hoping to provide BMX/Skateboard track and more outside equipment such as table tennis possibly with funding from Tarmac Development as an off site contribution. The woodland is still under discussion regarding future ownership abd a Management plan.

Thank you to Glenys and Tony for all of their efforts managing and maintaining the Rec.

Finally thank you to all of the Councillors for their support over the last 18 years.

**8. Report on Parish matters – Borough Councillor Bell**

* Councillor Bell reported that the Primary schools in the area are all doing very well although the Secondary school is not performing as well as it should be.
* Michael Drayton has placed an planning application for a portacabin classroom. Extended parking is to be considered in the turning circle.
* The Quarry has blasted twice this year. It took place neared to HAR 3 side than B4111 side.
* A residents liaison meeting is being arranged for residents who are concerned about the quarry activities.

**9. Hartshill Quarry**

The Quarry has blasted twice. No siren or airhorn was reported to be heard as promised. The Quarry are running in terms of their planning agreement.

Stone was reported to be seen in field following a blast. The stone has since disappeared.

Residents have reported cracks appearing in their properties following the blasting.

**10. Snowhill Recreation Ground**Councillor Roberts reported that new toddler equipment is needed in the Rec Ground.

Lampposts have been vandalised in the rec ground. The footpath leading into the Rec is not completely illuminated. More lampposts are needed.

**11. Hartshill Cemetery**

Covered by Chairman’s report.

**12. General parish affairs**None

At 7.30 p.m., the meeting closed

Chairman………………………………………………… Date……………………………………………………………………..