

Notes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 4 April 2019

Present were Councillors: Michael Appleby (Vice Chair), Denise Fearnley, Alison Gethin, John Brownrigg, John Housley, David Ogle, G Lakin, and David Pepper.

17 members of the public were present.

Cllr Lakin and a member of the public recorded the meeting.

1. **To receive apologies for absence:**
Cllrs A Hooper, G Oxley, P Swift, Mrs Z Sykes and G Weatherall and the reasons for absence were approved by the Council.
2. **To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 5 April 2018**
The minutes were approved a true record of the meeting.
3. **Matters arising out of the previous minutes**
Cllr Pepper stated that funds had been reinvested from the Grenoside Exhibition Account Charity.
4. **The Chairman's report**
In Cllr Weatherall's absence Cllr Appleby gave a report of the many changes in the Council over the year. That Cllrs A Brownrigg and Henstock had resigned from their position as Ecclesfield Parish Council (EPC) Councillors (Cllrs) and Cllrs Lakin and Swift had been elected as EPC Cllrs. Cllr Granger was still absent from Council meetings due to her ill health.
5. **Update on Grenoside Exhibition Account Charity**
Cllr Pepper updated the Council on the Grenoside Exhibition account Charity in that the charity earnings from investments were around 4%, which is quite good in the present state of interest. A reasonable amount had been given back to the children for educational purposes as required.
6. **Items raised by parishioners**
 - A member of the public raised the matter of the Hoey report and the lack of action by EPC. Have EPC met the six-week guideline for a way forward. Cllr Pepper responded citing the problems incurred when trying to change the Chair of Finance in line with the Hoey report. Cllr Gethin stated that the Council had accepted her resolution to fully adopt the Hoey recommendations in full plus the advice to have different Chairs on different Committees.
 - Residents from Thorncliffe view had attended a display of a possible development of a housing estate and a supermarket. They were annoyed and questioned the inconvenience of extra traffic (expecting two cars per minute) the environmental impact and general chaos.

They were upset in that trees and a fence that blocked their view of the development site had been removed prior to any planning permission being sought. Cllr Gethin suggested that we might write to SCC asking if they were aware of this. Cllr Ogle and Lakin have talked to the public regarding ongoing big developments in the area. And how to approve the businesses who are developing them. Cllr Pepper explained the difficulties and how if the final judgment went against us the Council would lose out significantly financially with the funds coming from the rates.

- A member of the public questioned why notices of every meeting didn't always go out across all parish noticeboards. Cllr Pepper responded that notices were distributed and put up in the parish noticeboards by other Cllrs. Cllr Gethin apologised for not displaying notices at the Acorn Pub as she had been ill.

Cllr Gethin expressed her sorrow that it was over a year since the death of Cllr Sheila Constance

The meeting closed at 8pm.