

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Forthampton Parish Council held on Thursday 16 May 2019 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mrs L Remmer, J Holloway, (later G Bloxham, R Reed)  
Apologies: M Russell  
In attendance: I and P Coleman, Mrs P Holloway, Mrs V Russell

JH welcomed everyone present. He thanked Alan Brown, who had decided not to stand for re-election this time, for all his hard work, dedication and innovation during his time on the Council, including being Chairman. His improvements and legacy stand the council in good stead. He also thanked Janet Stuart, who had decided not to stand again due to ill health, for her knowledge and help while on the council.

- 1 Appointment of Chairman – It was proposed by JH and seconded by V Russell that Lynda Remmer be elected as Chairman.
- 2 Appointment of Vice Chairman – LR proposed JH as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by V Russell.
- 3 Co-Option of Councillors – Graham Bloxham and Ronald Reed had both agreed to be co-opted as Councillors. LR proposed they be co-opted on to the Council and this was seconded by P Holloway. They both signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office paperwork to enable them to participate as Councillors at the meeting.
- 4 The Chairman welcomed everyone and read a report prepared by the outgoing Chairman which gave details on the activities of the past year, continuing to use the Parish Plan as the guide. The main items included maintenance of roads and verges, ditches, chasing the Broadband situation, litter picking, traffic speeding through the village, possible housing development, maintenance of public footpaths, supporting the church and village hall etc. With regard to the latter, the Parish Council agreed to donate £500 towards the Village Hall appeal and a cheque for this amount was given to the representatives in attendance.
- 5 Financial Report and Accounts 2018-19 – For the eighth year, the Council was able to maintain the Precept at £3000. The accounts were presented and copies passed around. Discussion took place and questions answered. The accounts were approved.
- 6 The Annual Governance Statement was considered, approved and signed off by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 7 The Accounting Statements were considered, approved and signed off by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 8 The Exemption Certificate was approved and signed off by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 9 Any Other Business:
  - 9.1 Questions were asked about progress of bringing faster internet connections to the village via Gigaclear; possibility of the village hall tie ups with their Facebook page, and whether the mobile Post Office van could use better facilities if available.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.