

## **Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 8.00pm at Leaden Roding Village Hall**

**Present:** D.Clayden, P. Sutterby, M.Whitehead, Mrs G. Essex and 6 members of the public.

**Apologies:** J.McLintock

**Election of Chairman:** Mrs Essex proposed that D.Clayden be re-elected Chairman for the coming year. This was seconded by M. Whitehead and carried unanimously.

**Election of Vice-Chairman:** D.Clayden proposed that M. Whitehead be re-elected as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Mrs Essex and carried unanimously.

**Minutes of the 2016 Assembly** held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were agreed and duly signed.

**Appointment of Parish Representatives:** the following representatives were elected for the year 2018/19:

Village Hall Trust	-	D.Clayden
Public Transport	-	M.Whitehead
Tree Planting/ Warden	-	P.Sutterby
Parish Footpaths	-	P.Sutterby
Road Safety	-	P.Sutterby
Essex Police	-	M.Whitehead

### **Chairman's Annual Report:**

In the passed year we had a rather hard winter with the drains and roads taking some hard knocks. Some drains have been repaired – others have had the red ring treatment. All drains on the A 1060 from King William roundabout to the Church need attention to let the water flow away – as do some drains on the B184 especially the one adjacent to the letter box.

Earlier in the year we had the problem of the travellers parking on Chalks Green. The Parish Council were politely told that we have no powers or authority over the Green – this belonged solely to the owner. Luckily the travellers did not stay long and a trench has been dug around the green to stop their return.

Not many planning applications were received this year – none of which caused any problems.

Discussions on the extension of the 30 mph speed limit took place. We still await results as we do with the traffic calming adjacent to the Rodings Primary School. The parking area and drain outside the Country Store have been repaired, but now appears to be used as permanent parking.

Thank you to the councillors for their time and efforts over the last year – especially to Phil Sutterby for work in keeping watch on the state of the footpaths and arranging litter picks.

Thank you to Terry for work and time over the last year and to Councillor Susan Barker for help when needed.

Dave Clayden.

**Annual Accounts:**

1. The Annual Statement of Accounts was circulated and the books made available for inspection. P.Sutterby enquired as to whether advertisements printed in the Leaden Reading were subject to a charge. The clerk explained that historically they were subject to a suggested donation of £10 per edition but payments were on a donation basis only so not chased if advertisers did not pay. No decision was made to change this arrangement at this meeting.
2. Parish Councillors agreed all items on the Annual Governance Statement 2016/2017.
3. D.Clayden proposed the approval and adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mrs Essex and carried unanimously.
4. The Chairman and clerk duly signed the accounts.
5. The clerk informed the meeting that the accounts will once again be audited by Joy Stevenson, the clerk for High Roding Parish Council.

**Open Meeting:**

A resident complained of drains on the A1060 not being able to deal with rainfall promptly enough resulting in water flooding for a while after it rains. The clerk stated again that this has been reported to Highways and will be dealt with in time; this is the case for many drains on the A1060 from Chelmsford to Bishops Stortford and it is hoped that these will all be cleared in the near future.

Residents were unhappy with vehicles from the car sales business parking vehicles on the service road outside the shop. Mrs Essex will speak to the leaseholder of the car sales to enquire if the terms of the lease state how many cars are allowed on the forecourt of the business.

The Chairman and the clerk have received correspondence from a resident of Long Hide concerned about the amount of cars parked directly outside the school at pick up times and on special activity days at the school. The clerk stated she had already replied to the resident informing of the pending traffic calming scheme which will hopefully be put into place in the near future. At this time, despite enquiries to Highways, the clerk has not heard news of the outcome of a Highways meeting which took place in March discussing traffic calming for this area.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45p.m.