**Little Chesterford Annual Parish Meeting**

**Thursday 9th May, 2019**

Welcome

Chairman Robert Pumfrey welcomed Councillors Ian Couchman, Annie Roberts and Fiona Wilkinson, newly elected District Councillors Neil Gregory and Richard Pavitt, 2 members of the public and the clerk to the meeting.

Chair`s Report

Chairman Robert Pumfrey gave a vote of thanks to all Councillors, past and present and detailed an interesting year for the Council, including meetings with Chesterford Research Park to try to minimise traffic through the village, and a successful and enjoyable There But Not There WW1 Commemoration, shared with Great Chesterford. Chairman Robert Pumfrey thanked the individual councillors for the individual roles they undertake and encouraged residents to come forward to stand as Parish Councillors to complete the Council.

The Council noted the sad loss of their Clerk Alan Cattley in March this year, and thanked the interim clerk for her work.

Chairman Robert Pumfrey congratulated the new District Councillors Neil Gregory and Richard Pavitt on their recent election and extended thanks to out-going District Councillor Julie Redfern for her support over many years.

District Councillor`s Report

District Councillors Neil Gregory and Richard Pavitt detailed their intention to attend all their parishes Council meetings and asked the meeting what they would like from their new District Councillors.

A resident requested assistance in getting the HGV sign on the B184 fixed. The sign has not worked for three years and has been reported to Essex Highways on numerous occasions. The sign is supposed to light up to inform HGV drivers to turn round and not proceed to Walden.

Cllr Wilkinson requested help from the District Councillors in fending off inappropriate development such as NUGV and other ill-conceived development proposals in the Chesterfords.

District Cllr Gregory asked the Council what was agreed with Chesterford Research Park regarding traffic mitigation initially. The Parish Council noted their support of Chesterford Park as a research station as long as appropriate mitigation to traffic issues is applied. Cllr Couchman confirmed that the Council were originally promised that the mini-bus would not come through Little Chesterford and that staff would be encouraged not to as well, with the offer that repeat offenders could be reported to the Park and would be spoken to. Over time this has changed to " nothing can be done to control the traffic through the village as it is a public highway." Minutes of the meeting approving the Park master plan detailed significant traffic management systems would be required. Cllr Wilkinson confirmed that at peak periods 70% of the traffic through Little Chesterford goes to the Research Park. District Cllr Neil Gregory agreed to look into resolving the issue. District Cllr Gregory noted that the Wellcome Trust planning application includes the implementation of ANPR camera systems to penalise workers travelling through the villages and will result in the removal of parking privileges for offenders.

Chairman Robert Pumfrey thanked everyone for attending . The meeting closed at 9.08pm.