

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 25th May 2017 7:00pm.

Present: G. Matthews (Chair), I. Hogg, D. Fettes, H. St. John (Councillor and District Councillor), P. Lawrence and C. Frost

In attendance: Allison Leigh (Clerk), Members of the Public, P. Burgem

1. **Apologies:** S. Cusick (Vice Chair), J. Nicholson
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 26th May 2016:** Minutes from 26.05.16 were approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising:** A. Leigh indicated there were no matters arising. One member of the public indicated there was a matter arising with regards to a letter of thanks to a past councillor.
4. **Thames Valley Police Report:** See Attachment 1
5. **Accounts for 2016/2017:** A. Leigh reported that the accounts had been through an internal audit and that all looked good from that standpoint. A. Leigh reported the accounts will now be sent to the external auditor and will be posted for review in the village from 5/6/17 – 14/7/17.

No item 6 listed on agenda

7. Report by the Memorial Hall Trustees: P. Burgem gave a report on the Memorial Hall. He reported that maintenance needs had increased being that the hall is now 10 years old. He reported that with online booking system for the hall, there has been a significant increase in bookings. He reported that the hall is working with a solicitor towards the CIO status.

10. District and County Councillors Report: (reported at this stage of the meeting) H. St. John reported that he has been having monthly surgeries at the Memorial Hall. He reported on the status of the Local Plan, indicating the 3rd session will take place in mid-July. He also reported on the Unitary Authority, which is an ongoing discussion.

He reported that the Gladman and Kler appeals had been lost, but thanked villagers for their support. He reported that the Rectory Homes application has not yet gone to committee.

He reported on a non-profit making service company called Publica and indicated they would be taking over waste disposal come October.

At a local level, he reported that the council supports the Youth Centre, which is used by 50-100 children of various ages.

8. Report by Village Charities:

C. Frost reported on the Village Charities. She thanked the Beavers and Cubs for their help at the litter pick at which road signs were cleaned and 8-9 bags of rubbish were collected.

9. Report by County Councillor – Liam Walker: None

11. Report by Chairman of Parish Council – Greg Matthews:

G. Matthews reported that 4 councillors stepped down last year and 4 more were co-opted. One has stepped down, so there is currently one vacancy. The previous clerk resigned and there was an interim clerk. The current clerk, Allison Leigh, has been in place since 1/1/17.

There have been several large planning applications during the year – Gladman, for which several residents gave evidence, Kler and North Witney.

There may be a Local Plan done this year. The Parish Council are looking into Community Led and Neighbourhood Plans. This is in the early stages.

The playground lease will be up soon and there will be no new equipment unless the lease is sorted.

Virgin are working in the village to provide high-speed internet service to residents. More information will follow on this.

The Parish Council understands that residents are keen to preserve the Windmill and are researching this.

The donation for the North Leigh Youth Project was increased this year.

Grass cutting was a bit of a problem last year.

A. Leigh is to put her postal address in the Nor'Lye News.

This meeting closed at 8:05pm.

Chairman

Date

Report for Northleigh Annual Parish Meeting 2017

There were 16 recordable crimes in the North Leigh area between 31/03/2016 and 01/04/2017. This is 3 more than the previous year.

1 burglary, non-dwelling. Shed opened.	No suspects identified.
1 theft. Church collection box.	No suspects identified.
1 theft from shed. Tools stolen.	No suspects identified.
1 Theft of trees (from pots on driveway).	No suspects identified.
1 theft from shed. Tools stolen.	No suspects identified.
1 criminal damage to car.	No suspects identified.
1 theft from car (purse)	No suspects identified.
1 criminal damage to play equipment.	No suspects identified.
1 theft (coat from changing rooms)	No suspects identified.
1 theft from vehicle.	Suspects arrested.No charge.
1 theft of Christmas lights	No suspects identified.
1 burglary (tools from van in garage)	No suspects identified.
1 burglary (tools from shed)	No suspects identified.
1 criminal damage (car reversed into fence)	No suspects identified.
2 criminal damages (kids entering disused barn.	No suspects identified.