

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 8th
April 2014 at 6.30pm, Parish Rooms, Oxford Road, St. Anne's on the Sea. FY8
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Present:	Councillors	V Willder C Akeroyd A Ford G Goodman K Henshaw A Jacques C Lanyon C Little B Mackenzie E Nash D Prestwich V Settle	Chairman
	Officers	S Taylor S Dunn H Kennedy	Town Clerk Community Development Manager Promotion and Event Officer
	Fylde Borough Council Councillor	B Nash	
	Members of the Public		4

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received for the meeting.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

- That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th April 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record; subject to the following amendments,**
- a) That Councillor Ford did attend the Annual Parish Meeting,**
 - b) That 'County' be removed from the apologies for absence,**
 - c) That Councillor Akeroyd is spelt without a c.**

4. COUNCIL ACTIVITY

The Chairman advised how pleased she had been to have attended many events both locally and outside of the town as a representative of the Town Council and townspeople.

Councillor Willder discussed the many other events that she had attended which included: the Carnival, musical concerts, fund raising activities, garden groups, young people's organisations, Lancashire Music event at Lytham St. Anne's High School,

flag raising and many more. She advised what a pleasure it had been meeting so many people whom worked tirelessly in the community providing help, support or enjoyment for other people. She added that all her charity events for Home-start Fylde were very well attended and helped support the excellent work of the charity, supporting families.

Neighbourhood Planning

The meeting was informed that the Town Council were about to start the first stage consultation process from 14th April – 28th May 2014 for the Neighbourhood Plan, with an ambitious aim to have the Plan in place by May 2015.

Christmas Light Infrastructure Project

The Town Council has big plans for the town centre's Christmas lights. The light display was being extended into Park Road, Orchard Road and Wood Street in time for the 2014 festive season.

Town Centre Signs Project

The Council had successfully bid for project funding to install street signs within the town centre. The aim was to promote the smaller businesses off the square and ensure shoppers are directed to the wealth of smaller independent business. The Council has been allocated £5,500 from the Fylde High Street Innovation Fund and was match funding this amount. It was also aiming to reduce the number of 'A' boards that cause obstructions to pedestrians within the town.

Town Centre Lamppost Banners Project

A further project to promote the town's businesses was the provision of lamppost banners within the main square. This was a further successful bid to the Fylde High Street Innovation Fund, again being match funded by the Town Council.

Town Flag

In 2013 two flag poles were installed on Clifton Drive and The Crescent. The town flag was unfurled at a ceremony before the Carnival on Saturday 6 July 2013, attended by Mark Menzies MP and other dignitaries

Since then, the Town Council has worked very hard to promote awareness of the flag, actions include:

- Production of a flag pin
- Persuading the Department of Communities and Local Government to fly the flag on St Annes Feast Day on 26 July 2014
- A Town Council Christmas Card Competition, incorporating the town flag into a card design
- Writing to Her Majesty advising of the town flag, the Christmas Card Competition and sending two flag pins. A very warm acknowledgement was received in response to this.

Newsletter

The Council had published and distributed a newsletter 4 times in the last 12 months. The Town Council has undertaken and completed a full review of its newsletter. The new size, style and format would be distributed for the spring 2014 edition, from 7th April 2014. The purpose of the review was to revamp the newsletter and reduce the production costs. All of this has been achieved; with a more magazine style newsletter that was easier to read.

Town App

The Town App had been extensively developed in the last 12 months; there was a news feed updated by the Town Council regularly with news concerning the town. The App was free and created to promote the town of St. Anne's.

Public Rights of Way

In 2013 the Town Council took over the maintenance of the public rights of way network within the parish. As the first project, the Council with the support of volunteers cleared the footpath that runs parallel to Wildings Lane. This required some very hard work, with the 500 metre path now being clear for the use of walkers and horse riders.

Blundell Road Allotments

Blundell Road Allotments provide community growing areas as well as individual plots meeting the needs of a diverse community. The site was highly commended in the Lancashire Green Awards Recycling category. In 2013 the allotments were the outright winners of the recycling award.

Shepherd Road Allotments

Every penny in rent received is ring fenced and invested back into the improvement and development of the site. It is managed by members of the community, the Allotment Association, all volunteers who work closely with the Town Council. Since the Town Council has taken over the site, it has reduced the waiting list from a peak of 68 to a waiting list of 6 through careful and imaginative use of the site by:

- splitting very large plots into more manageable units
- effectively managing plot holders whose plots weren't being used
- maximising use of the site
- offering Blundell Road plots as an alternative to Shepherd Road

St. Annes in Bloom

It was Town Councillors with support from the Town Council that facilitated the growth of St. Anne's on the Sea in Bloom. In 2013 the Council provided a grant of £1500 to support the work of this volunteer group. Other projects include:

- Giving a grant of £165 to support a scheme to plant and improve derelict land adjacent to railway station, brought back into use by working with rail user group BAFRUA and Northern Rail. This work ensured that the railway site was commended by North West in Bloom.
- Supporting/organising friends groups planting on spare land in Kilnhouse, King George V and Hope Street Parks.

The Blundell Road allotment provides a base from which St Annes in Bloom have been able to work, providing secure storage for planters/ materials (Compost/soil/plants etc). This demonstrates how the Town Council is developing and working with community groups highly effectively.

Councillor Ford reported that the Town Council had been very busy within the last 12 months. All the Councillors were volunteers and were not paid or received any allowance. Town Councillors worked tirelessly for the benefit of and to improve the town of St. Anne's.

Councillor Willder thanked everyone who had supported the Town, including Councillors, Officers, Volunteers, Community Groups, for all their hard work in making St. Anne's an excellent place to live.

5. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Members of the public raised the following points;

- Thanked the Town Council for all their support and advised that they should continue to build on their hard work
- The success of the Town Flag including the two newly installed flag poles

6. FINAL REMARKS

It was noted that the next meeting would be at **6.30pm on Tuesday 21st April 2015.**

The meeting was closed at 6.40 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman
21st April 2015