**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Hatton Parish Council held at The Lewis Carroll Centre, Daresbury Lane, Daresbury on Monday 20th May 2019 at 7.00pm**

**Present**  **Apologies**

Margaret Winstanley Stuart Tranter

Paul Molphy Julian Wrigley

Roger Dickin Judith Godley

Kathy Merrett

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| **C001** | **Apologies for absence**  Apologies were received as above. |
| **C002** | **Closing Chair’s statement of last year – Cllr Roger Dickin**  As we come to the end of another year’s activities in Hatton Parish, I would like to thank all the councillors for their hard work, commitment and good humour throughout 2018/19. Each of you have owned specific roles and the village is a more colourful, active and safe place because of your work. Hatton truly does have a special community spirit, which we all hold dear.  I would also like to record thanks to Elaine, our Parish Clerk, for her diligence in ensuring that our business has been conducted compliantly throughout the year.  This year has, again, seen a change in personnel and we have welcomed Paul, who brings a new perspective to our discussions.  To chair such a group of energetic and enthusiastic councillors is both easier than it should be and a real privilege.  Our finances continue to grow prudently, this year has seen our balance at hand increase to approx. £28,000. This has been achieved without detriment to our support and subsidy of many village events. I believe that maintaining a healthy balance for future projects or generations is a key responsibility we own.  We have also supported charitable organisations through our social calendar, the donation of £350 to Combat Stress tangible evidence of our desire to help others less fortunate than ourselves.  Our external involvement has increased this year, predominately in response to the creation of the South Warrington Parish Councils Local Plan Working Group. I sense that this will continue to occupy our efforts throughout the ensuring year too.  Once again, thanks for your support and I am sure I am leaving the chairmanship in good hands and I wish our new chair well. |

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| **C003** | **Election of Chair & Signing of Acceptance of Office & Declaration of Interests**  Cllr R Dickin invited councillors for their nominations for Chairman. Cllr Margaret Winstanley proposed Cllr Roger Dickin continue for another year, this was seconded by Cllr Kathy Merrett and carried unanimously. RD confirmed he would stand as Chair for a further year but after that time would step down. The group thanked Cllr Dickin. |
| **C004** | **Election of Vice Chair & Signing of Acceptance of Office & Declaration of Interests**  Cllr R Dickin then proposed Cllr Kathy Merrett for the position of Vice Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Paul Molphy |
| **C005** | **Adopt HPC Standing Orders & Financial Regulations & Annual Governance Statement 2017/2018**  RD proposed the adoption of the HPC Standing Orders, Financial Regulations & Annual governance Statement 2018/2019 and this was seconded by MW |
| **C006** | **Closure of AGM**  The meeting closed at 7.30pm |