

Holbeach Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 10 March 2014 at the Methodist Church Hall, Albert Walk, Holbeach commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

As per the register.

Ten members of the public were in attendance together with County Councillor Nick Worth.

1. Apologies:

The Clerk reported that he had received apologies from: Councillor Peter Savory, Councillor Joan Woolard, Councillors Maureen and Arthur Male, and Councillor Martin Howard

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 11 March 2013 were read out by the Clerk.

Agreed: The Minutes as read were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising:

No matters were brought up from the previous year's minutes.

4. Any Other Business:

Mr Michael Seymour, a tenant of the garden allotments within Battlefields Lane, expressed concern regarding vermin, theft and vandalism, and requested the Parish Council to erect a gate to deter entry by non-tenants.

The Chairman stated that the Lincolnshire County Council had refused permission previously, and advised subject to Members agreement; it could be placed on the agenda at next meeting.

Mr Mick Seymour and Mr C Biggadyke, both allotment tenants stated that although the proposed increase in rent for allotments were not out of line with the current prices, they felt the sudden increase of 45% was too severe in a single rise and should have risen in stages.

The Chairman of Allotments responded by stating that the rents had not been increased for 12 years and the advice received had been that the proposed increase was still below current commercial rents..

The Chairman then invited any other business but there being no further matters that members of the public wished to raise the Annual Parish Meeting was declared closed so the Meeting of the Parish Council could commence.