

# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of Christchurch Parish Council held on Monday 9 April 2018 at Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, Christchurch at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs P Owen (Chairman), J Bliss, R Gladwin, G Harper, J Hughes, R Lloyd, Cllr W Sutton (FDC), R Robinett (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk)

## **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr N Russell

### **PM5/17-18 Welcome from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

The Chairman welcomed members and the guest speaker, Rebecca Robinett, Street Pride Co-ordinator for Fenland District Council.

### **PM6/17-18 Report from Cllr Owen on the work of the Parish Council during 2017/18**

Cllr Owen highlighted some of the Council's achievements over the previous twelve months, including the installation of additional play equipment in the Recreation Ground, the purchase of a public access defibrillator for the Community Centre and a successful bid for funding from the County Council's Local Highway Improvements scheme for a village gateway and additional signage to slow traffic in the village.

He thanked members for their hard work over the year and the community for continuing to support the work of the Parish Council.

### **PM7/17-18 Talk from Rebecca Robinett, Street Pride Co-ordinator, Fenland District Council**

Ms Robinett explained the Street Pride volunteering initiative run by Fenland District Council. Street Pride groups pick up litter in their local area, but many groups also undertake a range of environmental improvements, often working closely with their Parish Council. There are currently 14 Street Pride groups in Fenland, as well as "Friends of..." and "In Bloom" groups. Each group is independently constituted and self-governing, making them eligible for external funding from many sources. The District Council provides support and guidance, equipment and public liability insurance. Group leaders plan their activities and undertake risk assessments.

Street Pride activities are a healthy sociable way to improve the environment for the benefit of all residents. In order to start a Street Pride group in Christchurch, volunteer leaders would need to be identified. It was agreed that a poster would be displayed on the noticeboard and at the Community Centre and adverts would be placed in The Heron to ascertain whether any residents were interested in getting involved.

### **PM8/17-18 Cllr Owen to close Parish Meeting**

The Chairman thanked members for attending and Ms Robinett for providing such an interesting talk. He hoped that it would be possible to start a Street Pride group in Christchurch in the coming months.