

**Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 13 May 2015 at the Pavilion, Deep Spinney, Biddenham****Present:**

Cllrs Chase, Slade, Osuch and the Clerk were in attendance plus five members of the public.

The meeting opened and Cllr Chase welcomed everyone.

**To approve the minutes of last year's Annual Parish Meeting held on 21 May 2014**

**Resolved:** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting

**Chairman's report from Biddenham Parish Council**

Copies were circulated to all present. A new play area for younger children had recently been completed at the Pavilion. This was part funded by the parish council and part funded by a grant from Bedford Borough Council. The clerk had received several emails of thanks from local residents and the equipment has already been put to good use.

Speeding in village – 3 more surveys have recently been undertaken in the parish. One resident reported that the early morning commuters regularly exceed the speed limit in the parish. Now that the speed surveys have been completed members of the parish council will meet to discuss the findings and establish what the issues are going forward.

Village Sign – this will be mounted on a similar plinth to the millennium sun dial. At the moment the council has not been given a completion date but the clerk is in regular contact with Harry Stebbing and the works are going according to plan.

There were no other comments regarding the report

**To note the Year End accounts for 2014-15**

The clerk answered questions relating to the year end accounts which included information on the yearly grass cutting donation from Mr Wingfield, reserves spending (used for purchase of lawn mower for the cricket club) and spending and income for the Pavilion.

There were no other comments regarding the accounts

**Annual Report from the Village Agent**

The report was noted. Some members had not heard about the work of the village agent, this was one of the problems highlighted by the village agent within her report. The clerk does arrange for any news items to be uploaded onto the parish website and has offered to publicise the role of the village agent on the parish noticeboards.

**Open Session**

There were no questions from the public. It was disappointing that there was such a low turnout of residents and perhaps next year a guest speaker would draw a greater audience.

Meeting closed.