

SWETTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Meeting of the Parish held at Swettenham Club on 20 May 2019 at 7:45 pm

Present: Councillors Andow, Shaw and Mrs Martin Clerk & RFO, Mrs P Sturrock; Members of the Public 0		
Item	Detail	ACTION
1	Welcome & Introductions: As there were no residents of the Parish in attendance, these were not required.	
2	<p>Chairman's Report:</p> <p>I would like to start by thanking you both for your commitment to the Parish during the past year. I would also like to thank Les Platts and Jill Thorpe for their hard work as Parish Councillors over the last eight years and to welcome Angela Kirk and Alex Keen as new Parish Councillors. We are a small parish responsible for highways, planning consideration and cemetery upkeep and there have been several planning and highway issues over the last 12 months. The outstanding issue remains the drainage problem in the cemetery and this is a matter in progress. The issue of superfast broadband is very important in rural communities and I am pleased to report that the supply to the village was installed in 2018.</p> <p>On behalf of my fellow councillors I would like to thank Councillor Wray for regularly attending Council meetings and liaising with Cheshire East on our behalf. I would also like to thank the Parish Clerk, Tricia Sturrock, for all her work setting the meetings and dealing with the running of the Council. Finally, I would like to thank Mr Stuart Goostrey for his work in maintaining the cemetery.</p>	
3	<p>Finance Report for year ended 31 March 2019.</p> <p>The Clerk & RFO had tabled the summary of Receipts & Payments Account for the financial year ended 31 March 2019 showing balances of £2758.45 in the current account and £2029.98 in the reserve account as at 31st March 2019. She reported that the precept for 2019-20 was set at the same level as 2018-19 i.e. £3743. The balance carried forward in the current account had decreased from 2018 due to the purchase of new cemetery gates at a cost of £999.99. Additional income was received from fees for interments and memorials. Our expenditure included the usual annual costs of staffing cemetery maintenance, water bills, payroll, room hire, GDPR costs, website hosting costs and insurance.</p> <p>The internal audit has been concluded satisfactorily and the Parish Council will be submitting the Annual Governance and Accountability Return after the Annual Meeting</p>	
4	Questions and discussion on matters affecting the Parish: As there were no residents of the Parish in attendance no further discussion took place	
	The meeting closed at 7.55pm	

Signed.....
Roy Andow, Chairman