

COTHERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting in Cotherstone Village Hall on Wednesday 9 May 2018 at 7.00pm

In attendance:	Cllr John Birkett (Chair), Cllr Alan Thorn, Cllr Richard Hunter, Cllr Jenny Watson
Public:	None
Clerk:	Judith Mashiter
1. Welcome and introductions	No members of the public were in attendance.
2. Minutes	The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 10 May 2017 had previously been approved. No matters were arising.
3. Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report	<p>Cllr Birkett presented the Chairman's Report 2018:</p> <p>The last year has again seen a number of changes in personnel. Our clerk Rachel Tarn decided to step down to be replaced by Judith Mashiter. The role is becoming increasingly burdensome with new legislation some of which doesn't differentiate between a small parish council or larger local authority, placing the same onus on both.</p> <p>Two of our councillors, David Rabbitts and Julie Gill, have decided to step down from the council. I thank them for their input over the previous years they have served.</p> <p>Villagers will see that there is a new contractor cutting the greens and cemetery – Richard Toward having taken this over.</p> <p>Again, it has been a quiet year on the planning front. Whilst the parish Neighbourhood Planning is ongoing you should see some progress this year.</p> <p>Something that I'm sure annoys all residents are the number of potholes that appear, some again after being badly repaired. We do report these when aware of them, but it normally takes a couple of reminders before we see any action.</p>
4. Parish affairs	No members of the public were in attendance.

Meeting closed: 19.10pm