**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Littleton held on Monday 11 May 2015 at Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane, Littleton.**

# PRESENT: Parish Councillor David Brodie (in the Chair) and Parish Councillors

#  Anne Stockdale, Clive Lovering and Sarah Rao

**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: that Councillor David Brodie be appointed Chairman for the

 meeting

(Councillor Brodie then took the Chair)

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Bettie Gilliatt.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12 May 2014 were approved.

**4. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman gave a comprehensive statement of the matters that had been dealt with by the Parish Council during the previous 12 months, making particular reference to:-

A total of thirteen planning applications had been received during the year. Whilst seven were supported the Parish Council raised concerns about six, many of which centred on the Littleton Hall Farm development.

The Parish Council continued to press for some action to be taken by the authorities to alleviate long standing problems with traffic in Littleton especially the creation of a Tarvin Road/Hare Lane/Littleton Lane junction improvement; decreasing the speed limit through Littleton; the noise from the A51 road surface and curtailing the extensive use of the road by HGVs. Despite hosting a well-attended meeting in January with the Highways Officer and local residents there had been no progress on these matters.

A major issue that arose during the year was an un-authorised re-surfacing of Fir Tree Lane and 1 April saw a shift in the Parish Boundaries which included the loss of Stamford Court and Broadmead to Great Boughton Parish Council and the acquisition of the Golf Club and the site of the former Vicars Cross Nursery about which the Parish Council had been concerned over a major infestation of Japanese Knotweed.

The lease of the Parish Field to Chester Rugby Football Club was finalised and plans were afoot to upgrade the remaining part of the field adjacent to the Veterinary Surgery – named Hare Lane Copse – to create a Parish resource.

**5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Clerk submitted the customary Summary of Receipts and Payments financial statement that itemised the Parish Council’s transactions over the year and enlarged upon certain items that were of interest to Members.