**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Littleton held on Monday 12 May 2014 at Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane, Littleton.**

# PRESENT: Parish Councillor Hilary Davies (in the Chair) and Parish Councillors

#  David Brodie, Anne Stockdale, Jonathan Bellis, Bettie Gilliatt,

#  Sarah Rao and John Martin

**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: that Councillor Hilary Davies be appointed Chairman for the

 meeting

(Councillor Davies then took the Chair)

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Jonathan Bellis and CW&C Councillor Stuart Parker.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13 May 2013 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:-

Planning issues had again dominated the business of the seven meetings of the Parish Council held during the year and whilst a total of nine planning applications had been received, the majority had centred on two particular sites, namely the rear of 6-8 Tarvin Road and Littleton Hall Farm. The Parish Council raised queries and concerns about various aspects of these two developments and in the case of the Littleton Hall Farm site which was being developed by a number of separate parties, this was very much an on-going issue.

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 and curtailing the extensive use of the road by HGVs.

Other issues were attempts to establish who was responsible for the lighting of Fir Tree Lane; the formalisation of the use of the Parish Field by Chester Rugby Football Club and concerns over a major infestation of Japanese Knotweed on the site of the former Vicars Cross Nursery just beyond the Parish boundary.

**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.