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Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting of Pudding Norton** which was held on **Thursday 30th May 2013 at 7.30pm** at Fakenham Sports Centre, (The Dining Room), Fakenham Racecourse.

Present:- Sheila Robson (Parish Council Chairman).

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- Mike Ainger, Andrew Blyth, John Tuck, Pat Ainger, Alan Robson, David Siseman and Jasmine Siseman.

1. The Chairman **WELCOMED** everyone to the meeting.
2. There were no **APOLOGIES** for absence.
3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** from the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 31st May 2012 are signed as a true record.
4. The **PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT** was read by the Chairman and summarised the year just past.
5. There were no other **COMMUNITY GROUP** reports.
6. **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** was not required.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Appendix 1 – Chairman's report

PUDDING NORTON CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2013

This year has been one of many disappointments and unfinished business, but at least one triumph.

The play area in Parklands has still not been resolved, though many of the issues in running the estate are now done more efficiently.

The demolition of run-down garages opposite 1 Dereham Road and the erection of flats, has hit a brick wall. The District Council is adamant that this outside the local plan, without giving any indication of why, or which bit of the (very thick) local plan is involved. I feel it is a pity that common sense cannot prevail over the ticking of boxes, but unfortunately the bureaucratic mind is unrelenting.

However, we have had one triumph. The very large lorries visiting the sewage works off Dereham Road, will soon turn off at what is now the entrance to the vets, and the entrance used at present will only be opened on race days. This has been a long and difficult process, but all the people involved have approached it with good will, and even the respective legal departments have come to agreement over it. Work will start in the summer to concrete the road surface. I wish to place on record my thanks to David Hunter at the Race Course, the representative from Anglia Water, and our Parish Councillor, John Tuck, who have seen this through to such a satisfactory conclusion.

We were very sorry to receive the resignation of Christopher Hartrop from the Parish Council. He has given us invaluable help and information during his time on the Council, and has indicated that he is happy to continue to help if necessary. Fortunately Mrs. Patricia Ainger has indicated that she would like to be co-opted onto the Parish Council, and I have little doubt that this will be agreed at this meeting; I know she will be a valuable addition and I look forward to welcoming her. Christopher's resignation left a vacancy as Vice Chairman, but I am happy to say that Andrew Blyth has taken on this role.

I am very sorry to say that our clerk, Tracey Bayfield, has found it necessary to hand in her resignation, as she has increased work from other parishes. We will be very sorry to lose her, as in the two years she has been with us she has been such a benefit to the parish. We are at present looking for a replacement, and she has agreed to continue until one is found.

In conclusion I wish to thank all the members of the parish council, and the clerk, for the support they have given me during the year.

Sheila Robson, Chairman