**LITTLE BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the annual parish assembly held on 24 April 2018 in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Mr Peter Robinson (chairman), Cllr Mrs Cora Cowap,
Cllr Dr Caroline Hall, Cllr Mrs K Lawson,
Mr G Cookson – clerk to the council

Ms E More Dutton, local member

 1 member of the public

 **Apologies for absence were received from** Cllr Mr Ray Hall, and Cllr Mrs Jenny Marshall.

**Minutes**The minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

**Matters arising from the minutes**
There were no matters arising from the previous meeting, however the possibility of a ”themed” meeting on future occasions (once the formal business had been discharged) was discussed in order to make the event more attractive to local residents..

**Chairman’s report**In presenting his report Mr Robinson thanked members of the council for their work during the year and also paid tribute to those residents, who not being members of the council also undertook considerable amounts of work for the overall benefit of the community. He explained that the responsibilities of the councillors had not changed in the past 12 months, but in that time Neville Lang and Richard Morris had resigned from the council and Gareth Todd had been co-opted. There still remained 1 vacancy on the council which it had not been possible to fill which was disappointing.
He referred to the proposed changes to electoral wards which had been put forward and the successful case against the changes which the council had mounted. The majority of planning applications considered by the council were in keeping with the village environment, usually relating to agricultural buildings, infill development and extensions or alterations to existing properties. He also mentioned the possibility of a speed warning indicator being located in the village (possibly near the war memorial). There are significant costs associated with this proposal but the council is moving it forward.

Members of the council thanked Peter for all of his work during the year.

**Financial statement 2017/18**The clerkpresented a summary of the council’s revenue expenditure during the 2017/18 financial year. At the end of the year the council’s balances had risen by approximately £5700. This was attributable to a significant amount of money (approx. £5000) earmarked for ring-fenced projects such as the improvements to the village green and the memorial at the site of the former Oulton Hall. Day to day income and expenditure was largely unchanged.

**Other Business**

A discussion took place on the poor state of the roads in the area, particularly the increased appearance of pot holes. CWaC had undertaken some remedial work but much more needed to be done and he council would keep the pressure on the local authority.

In closing the meeting the chairman thanked those present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 8.15