RADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held in the Village Hall on Monday, 11th May 2015 at 7.45pm

Present: Cllrs: M. Johnson (Chairman) (MJ), J. Feilding (JF), J. Jackson (JJ) and P. Wilkins (PW)

Also present District Councillor B. Dalla Mura (BD), Mr. S. Jackson, C. Hill (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

County Cllr. C. Williams (CW).

2. Minutes of the Previous Assembly (2014)

The minutes of the previous assembly had been circulated prior to this meeting. It was agreed that they were a true record. Proposed by JF and seconded by PW. MJ signed the minutes.

3. Any matters arising from those minutes None.

4. Parish Council Chairman's Report

MJ thanked all the councillors, including SJ and CW, for their help over the past year and also the residents who report issues to us.

5. **Report from the District Councillor**

Mr. S. Jackson gave a report as the retiring District Councillor. He said that the District Council's funding has reduced by at least 25%. We are still committed to providing a high level of service but they are continuing to review costs. There are now a reduced number of councillors from 53 to 36. Election results Conservatives 31, Liberal Democrats 3, Labour 1 and Independent 1. Council tax has been frozen for another year. It is the lowest in Warwickshire. Good refuse service which places us in the top 10 nationally. Big investment in Stratford leisure centre. SDC will continue to support the voluntary sector. 60% of the Core Strategy is acceptable but the rest needs finalising. The District Council wants to work with other councils. Ensure affordable housing is addressed. Increase the number of new jobs by 500 per year over the next 4 years. Encourage leisure activities. Mr. Jackson introduced District Cllr. Bart Dalla Mura.

MJ thanked Mr. Jackson and welcomed Cllr. Dalla Mura.

6. **Report from the County Councillor**

MJ read out Cllr. Williams report. It is attached to these minutes.

7. Any matters raised by electors of the parish present

A resident asked what progress has been made on the footway. MJ explained that an on-site meeting is arranged with County Highways for tomorrow. At the end of Farnborough Road 2 Horse Chestnut trees were planted by the Parish Council. Could they please be looked at by a professional. The footpath from The White House towards Tysoe has barbed wire on it.

Could we please have a speaker at this meeting plus the accounts. The Clerk explained that the draft accounts will be discussed at the next meeting with a view to sending them to an internal auditor. There will be a period in June when electors are able to view them. The accounting procedure has changed and Parish Council's must approve the accounts at the June meeting. A notice will be placed on the noticeboard. MJ suggested that residents pass requests for speakers to the Clerk.

8. Closure

MJ closed the meeting at 8.15pm.