

## **KINLET PARISH COUNCIL.**

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the Parish Hall  
commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:-** Mr P. Kirton (chairman) Mr D. Haywood, Mr. P. Horsfall, Mr C. Lloyd, Mr P. Robinson, Mrs J. Rowley, Mrs M. Quick, Ms C. Fell and Mrs J. Burgess (Clerk)

Also in attendance Mrs M. Shingleton, Mr.G. Butler (from 8.10 p.m.) and 1 Parishioner.

**1. APOLOGIES** were received from Mr S. Harris, Mr R. Crawford, Mrs M. Lee and Mrs Z. Pearson.

**2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2017.** These were taken as read, proposed, seconded and approved.

**3. MATTERS ARISING.** No matters were raised.

**4. ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 2017/2018.** This had been circulated to all councillors, copies were available at the meeting and on the website and taken as read.

### **5. ORGANISATIONS REPORTS.**

**1. Women's Institute.** Mrs Lee had reported on a busy year. Varied talks had been held during the year and it was hoped that the varied programme would attract new members. They had enjoyed the social gatherings with other W.I.'s as members of the Severn Group of W.I.s.

**2. Kinlet Village Hall.** During the past year work on the new bar had been completed which improved the hall's letting attraction and a sound system had also been installed thanks to the support of the Parish Council. Events had been well supported but they were short of new committee members, especially 'young and middle life ones'.

**3. School.** No report was received from the school.

**4. Playgroup.** The past year had been a busy and successful one and, with the introduction of extended entitlement of 30 hours funding for working parents,

opening hours had been increased to 5 days a week. This had resulted in an increase in nos. and they aimed to continue 'feeding' Kinlet C of E School to which seven children would start to attend in the next academic year. The children had looked at a variety of topics and had enjoyed a trip to Rays Farm funded by a successful sponsored Easter walk from the Playgroup to Kinlet Church. The Parish Council were thanked for their support.

**5. Countryside Group.** No report had been received from the Countryside Group.

**6. Neighbourhood Watch.** Kinlet continued to be a low crime Parish and the KPNW were continuing to highlight potential problems with awareness campaigns. There was now a co-ordinator team of nine parishioners covering different areas. 'Smartwater', which had been supported by the Parish Council, was now in operation throughout the parish.

**7. Local Joint Committee.** The Committee met 3 times a year to discuss matters of interest to parishes of the Joint Committee area. Main points of discussion during the year had been Diamond buses and the state of the roads. There was still no funding for the L.J.C.

**8. Bridge Club.** This had continued every other Monday afternoon with usually 3 or 4 tables in play. Everyone enjoyed the game and the cup of tea with biscuits, plus a chat. Anyone who would like to play would be most welcome and whilst you did not have to know how to play bridge some knowledge of whist might help.

**9. Cleobury Youth Partnership/St. Mary's Youth Project.** Meetings were held six times a year when reports were heard from associated partners. The aim was to support youths with the view to stop offending and give purpose to their lives. The Parish Council were thanked for their support.

**10. St. John the Baptist Church.** The past year had been another satisfactory one for the church and the PCC assisted by the clergy had ensured that the church continued to be at the heart of the village community. It was regretted that Moffats School had closed at the end of the summer term as the school had always played an important role in the life of the church and vice versa and the church and the village would always be indebted to the significant contribution made by the children from the school.

During the year there had been themed services and the church's balance sheet remained strong although there was an annual deficit in excess of £3,000

and the statutory payments for weddings etc. could not be relied upon to make up this shortfall. The average age of those making a regular donation towards the running and upkeep of the church continued to rise, whilst the average attendance at services was beginning to slip.

A new heating and lighting system had been installed which had led to a much warmer church even in the depths of winter. Volunteers, to whom much was owed in many directions, had also maintained the graveyard and it was endeavoured to ensure that this was kept in harmony with its surroundings in accordance with Diocese's guidelines.

**6. Shropshire Councillors' Reports.** Copies of **Mrs M. Shineton's** report had been circulated to all councillors, and had been available at the meeting and was taken as read. However, she had reported another busy changeable year with the elections last May producing little change in the political groups with the conservatives remaining as the Administration and the continuation of changes to many policies had required Shropshire Council to review many of their own policies relating to the Economy, Highways, Schools, Public Transport (Public Enquiry into Diamond's operation on 21<sup>st</sup> June), Health (important Public Consultation starting in May – everyone urged to take part in this which would affect everyone's future health care.) Housing and Cleobury Area Youth Partnership.

(The full copy of this report is on file if required)

**Mr G. Butler.** Copies of his report had been circulated to all councillors, had been available at the meeting and was taken as read. This advised that following the local elections a new Administration was formed with a mandate to main a balanced budget in a period of severe grant cutback, but also to take up the challenge from central government to become more financially self sufficient and have less reliance on their funding which was being withdrawn (education funding being exempt from withdrawal). To this end S.C. had created a new economic development team who were leading on major projects to enable big business to come to Shropshire, create better paid jobs and increase the revenue base of the council which would help everyone. He also reported on the Ironbridge Power Station development/ outcome awaited on funding of the North West Relief road and the purchase of 2 shopping centres in central Shrewsbury and the old riverside centre. As Chair

of Place Overview and Scrutiny he would be taking a great interest in these matters and overseeing subjects relating to Planning Economic Development, Highways and Place infrastructure He reported also on operation of CIL scheme, Lengthsman scheme and Youth Services funding, Adult Social care, Rural poverty, Highway funding and a Good overall result from a recent Ofsted report on Children's Services.

He mentioned being lucky to have Cllr Madge Shingleton who shared the Council division with him and offered reassurance that they discussed all issues and worked together across the division.

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**7. Any Other Business.** None was raised.

**8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS.** Mrs Shingleton and Mr. Butler were thanked for their assistance and interest during the year. Thanks were also expressed to the rest of the councillors and the clerk for their hard work. The meeting closed at approximately 8.25 p.m.