

KINLET PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on Tuesday, 9th May 2023 in the
Village Hall commencing at 8.15 pm.

PRESENT:- Mr P .Kirton, Mr P. Horsfall, Mr C. Lloyd, Mr D. Haywood, Mr R. Crawford, Mr P. Robinson, Mr K. Shepherd, Mrs J. Rowley and Mrs J. Burgess (Clerk) Also in attendance Mr. S. Harris.

1. APOLOGIES were received from Mr. R.Oakley and Mr. G. Butler.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2022. These had been approved in June 2022.

3. MATTERS ARISING There were no outstanding matters arising.

4. PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023 This had been circulated to all councillors and was on the Website. It was taken as read and unanimously approved after being proposed and seconded.

5. ORGANISATIONS REPORTS.

a. Women's Institute. The secretary's report advised they had been busy making cakes for the Queen's Jubilee in May 2022 and they were also making similar plans for the Kings' coronation in May 2023 The speakers during year had covered many topics and they had also enjoyed visits to Burford House and Arley Arboretum They now had their own Facebook page. The present economic climate and rise in the cost of living meant that fees for Speakers had increased. However, no challenge was beyond the members of the Women's Institute.

b. Kinlet Village Hall. Mr. Haywood thanked the Parish Council for their generous support and also members of the Committee but said it was sad that few parishioners seemed to want to be involved and support this asset to the Village. They only had 8 members, 2 of whom were now in their 80's, and one from Cleobury and it would be nice if a few more from the village would come forward to help with new ideas and run the hall. They had a useful balance of round £9,000 and were waiting for a possible grant for the insulation of the roof. activities such as 150 club, skittles , bingo, Highley Bands , Bridge Club, WI and the Parish Council were regular sources of income with a few one-offs such as parties, quizzes, dinners and wakes etc. The Hall had had an inside paint- over during the last year with thanks to the volunteers who carried out this work.

c .Kinlet School. A new Headmistress – Mrs. Davies – had been appointed as executive head across the Farlow and Kinlet Federation upon Mrs. Raymond's retirement. There had been significant changes in the staffing structure this year and the whole team was working effectively together to provide high quality teaching and learning experiences. They had interesting trips planned with visits to Dudley Zoo and Castle and Severn Valley Country Park. Later in the term the whole school would be going swimming at Highley's outdoor pool. They continued to buy into the Sports' Partnership at Lacon Childe which enabled

them to access a wide range of sporting facilities and coaching in school. They would also be holding a joint sport' day with the pupils from Farlow C of E Primary School.

The Spring Term had ended with an Easter service at Kinlet Church which the pupils from the school led – the service being attended by family and friends. They marked the Coronation by having a tea party and an afternoon of team games on the 5th May. They had a busy term ahead of them and looked forward to building on relationships with the wide school community.

d. Kinlet Family Playgroup. The Manager's report would be presented at our June meeting but would advise that they were due to replace the 'wetpour' section of their Playground with a new 'wetpour' surface in green with an inlaid race track and were also planning to install a raised decking area to use for a special growing and planting area/stage – a large, daunting and expensive lot of work but all very exciting. They currently employ 10 local people from Highley, Cleobury and Bewdley and have 25 children on role. They had been learning about the King's coronation and had engaged in various activities connected with this occasion. The better weather would see them doing lots of planting and growing, outdoor play and exploration in the Playground and Forest School areas and a summer party to round the term off in style. They thanked everyone at the Parish Council for their hard work and support and sent best wishes for the coming year.

e. Country Group Update. This had now been disbanded.

f. Neighbourhood Watch. Mr. Crawford reported that he was pleased to advise that Kinlet Parish continued to be a low crime Parish and they would continue to highlight potential problems with an awareness campaign. An A4 poster was available for notice boards and bus shelters which brought focus in particular to garden shed break-ins and also made the casual visitor aware that Kinlet had an active Neighbourhood Watch. It was pleasing to report that KPNW now had a co-ordinator team of 14 – an increase of 8 since last reported. There had been a pleasing updating of the 'criminal beware' signage throughout the parish and he took the opportunity in once again thanking the Parish Council for their continuing support, with particular reference to 100% funding for the entire scheme.

Mr. Crawford also answered questions from members of the Parish Council re various matters.

g. Kinlet Church. The Churchwardens' Report had been circulated to all councillors during May and was taken as read due to its length. A full copy of this report was available upon request.

h. Bridge Club. The Club met every 2 weeks in the village hall and welcomed anyone whether experienced or not. Whilst the highest number of tables they had had was five – 20 players - there was an average of 3 tables – 12 players. The total membership stood at 25 and it was always an enjoyable afternoon.

6. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORT. This had been circulated to all councillors and a full copy was available upon request.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. None was raised.

8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS. Mr. Kirton thanked everyone for their attendance and all councillors and clerk for their hard work and support over the year and the meeting closed at approximately 8.25 pm.