

KINLET PARISH COUNCIL.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

**held on Monday 13th May 2024 in the
Village Hall commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:- Mr P. Kirton (Chairman) Mrs J. Rowley, Mr D. Haywood, Mr P. Horsfall, Mr C. Lloyd, Mr R. Oakley, Mr P. Robinson, Mr K. Shepherd and Mrs J. Burgess (Clerk) Also Mr. G. Butler and 1 Parishioner.

1. APOLOGIES were received from Mr. R. Crawford, Mr S. Harris and representatives from the Women's Institute, Kinlet School, Kinlet Playgroup, Neighbourhood Watch, Kinlet Church and the Bridge Club.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023. These had been approved at the Parish Council Meeting in June 2023.

3. MATTERS ARISING. There were no matters arising.

4. PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024. This had been circulated and was taken as read.

5. ORGANISATION'S REPORTS.

a. Women's Institute. This had been a busy year with speakers ranging from bee keeping, rag rug making, herbal and holistic medicines and forensic psychology. There had been various outings and Kinlet are committed to supporting MND – a charity very dear to Kinlet community. Despite a small membership, they did enjoy themselves immensely each month and would love to welcome new members to give them more inspiration and ideas on how to move forward

b. Parish Hall. Despite very few committee members the Village Hall had been well supported with 9 bookings in this May alone. The kitchen and toilets had been painted plus the electric equipment checked and tested satisfactory. The cooker was being replaced due to a fault on the grill and they had a good bank balance.

c. Kinlet School. This report gave an overview of the school activities and there was an impressive range of activities and outings for the children. They continued to buy into the Sports' Partnership at Lacon Childe so that they could access a wide range of sporting festivals and coaching in school. They had good connections with Kinlet Church and held an Easter service there which the pupils led. They had just started their year 6 SAT's week and had a busy term ahead of them and looked forward to building on relationships with the wider school community.

d. Kinlet Playgroup. They reported that much time and money had been spent updating their outside area and the children, staff and parents all loved the new space. Donations had been received from Cook's Garden Centre, Chadwick Bank Nurseries and the Parish Council. Attendance had continued to grow this year, especially amongst their youngest and currently they had 31 children on the role which was a record with children putting down their names to start in Sept, and beyond. They had a sponsored walk to Kinlet Church followed by a short service. Their 'core' books this year had been 'That's Not My...' texture books 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Going on a Bear Hunt'.

e. Neighbourhood Watch. The Chief Co-ordinator had reported that Kinlet continued to be a low crime Parish and they continued to highlight potential problems with awareness campaigns and A4 posters available for Notice Boards and Bus Shelters. There was a team of 7 co-ordinators and Smartwater was in operation throughout the Parish.

f. Kinlet Church. This report had been circulated and was taken as read. Salient points were that the Church faced three main threats - no evidence of any sign of increased attendance at regular services from any age group, income shortfall by being reliant on so few people who donated towards the church's upkeep and maintenance, (at the current rate of expenditure in excess of income, and the church may have to close within seven years) and finally average age of both congregation and PCC approaching 70 and there were four vacancies on the PCC.

g. Bridge Club. The meetings had continued to meet every other Monday in the Village Hall from September until the end of May. Numbers had fallen slightly but they had usually managed to have between 8 and 16 players and it remained a very sociable afternoon and new members were always welcome.

6. SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORT. This had been circulated and was taken as read. However, Mr. Butler did remind that next year would be an election year for Shropshire Council and the Parish Council. Shropshire Council's local wards would be made up of two wards with one councillor for each ward. He briefly mentioned Shropshire Council's financial situation and also made a plea on behalf of The Men's Shed for a possible donation after outlining the work they carried out.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. No matters were raised at this point.

8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS. Mr. Kirton thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at approximately 8.30 p.m.

A full copy of any of the Organisations' reports are available upon request from the Clerk.