

APM'16 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016 held at 7.30pm in West Felton Village Hall on Wed 20 April 2016

0. **ATTENDEES** at WEST FELTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016 (APM'16) 9 PERSONS including:
Parish Cllrs: Chair Ed Nicholas plus Cllrs David Curtis, John Houghton, Dianne Barnes, Pat Mabe. Plus three other Parishioners: Michael Davie, Brian Mabe, Christine Curtis. Plus Ian A. Hutchinson Parish Clerk.
1. **Chairman's Annual Report 2015-16** see the MEETINGS page of our new website: www.westfeltonparish.co.uk
- a. The Chairman *Ed Nicholas* welcomed everyone to this APM'16 and he reported on some highlights of the year.
- b. The Parish Clerk *Ian Hutchinson* circulated his WFPC **Report-16** and thanked the Councillors for their support.
2. **Confirmation of the Minutes** of Previous Annual Parish Meeting 2015: with the APPROVAL of the meeting the Chairman signed the copy of the **APM 2015 Minutes** that WFPC had NOTED at its Meeting 155 last year.
3. **Any Reports from our Parish Organisations**
- a. **Hanging Baskets** The Chairman reported that WFPC had put this project on hold for this Year 2016 due to rising costs of watering and having to provide the new type of baskets required by SC rules for their lampposts. WFPC will review the project again for 2017. No strong views were expressed by this APM'16. NOTED
- b. **West Felton Parish Charities** See **Extract** from relevant previous minute below:
Extract from Minute APM'15-4 (d) as recorded from **APM 2015** on Wed 22 April 2015:
"Once the monies have been transferred to the churches it will be the responsibility of each church to decide how to allocate those funds but each will be reminded of the original purpose of the trusts and be asked to ensure that beneficiaries are from within the boundaries of the Parish. Ideas offered by members of those churches present at this meeting favoured a focus on youth so the new youth club and our primary school will be strong contenders."
- c. **Churchwarden Michael Davie** of **St Michael's C of E Church** West Felton reported that efforts had been made to adhere to the *conditions* as recorded under Minute APM'15-4d at the last APM on Wed 22 Apr'15 but so far this had not been possible. In view of similar problems at the *Sandford United Reformed Church* it was proposed by **David Curtis** seconded by Pat Mabe that this APM'16 resolves to *nullify those conditions* and leave it entirely to the discretion of each of the three churches including *West Felton Methodist Chapel* as to how the Charities Funds should be allocated or spent by each church: and this motion was duly CARRIED with just one against. The Clerk will now report to WFPC Meeting 165 and also send emails to each of the Churches. All AGREED
- d. **Michael** went on to report on the **Caring for God's Acre scheme** to encourage wild flowers to brighten up the churchyard plus good clearing of the paths by Shropshire Council who now maintain the churchyard. NOTED
- e. **West Felton Village Hall** **David Curtis** reported that the Hall is extremely well used by various Parish Groups and private parties and he particularly praised the children and organisers of the **West Felton Youth Club** so the Clerk will now send a supportive and congratulatory email to the Youth Club from this APM'16: All AGREED
- f. **David** also mentioned the recent very successful **Very Nice Production Company** event: see his report attached.
- g. **Parish Magazine** **Editor Pat Mabe** reported on the continuing success of *Round and About West Felton* and she then thanked all the contributors *plus* all volunteers who help to produce and distribute the 700⁺ copies. NOTED
- h. **West Felton Methodist Chapel** **Christine Curtis** reported that the chapel had made one grant from the Charities Money and that the eight members continue to work hard to keep the chapel thriving and well used by various groups including WFPC. **David Curtis** said work would be done on the roof costing several thousand pounds and he thanked all the people who had supported the chapel's successful fund raising events over the years. NOTED
- i. **West Felton Gardening Club** **Dianne Barnes** reported that regrettably the club had been compelled to disband due to lack of volunteers for key positions. However **Dianne** will continue her own efforts to enlist volunteers to help her to care for the planted areas in the **Burial Ground** and for the Holyhead Road **War Memorial**. NOTED
- j. **West Felton Burial Ground** The Chair said that Phase One of **Dianne Barnes'** project had been completed and Phase Two the **refurbishment of the car park** would start soon as Scottish Power had removed the poles and the transformer. The Clerk will send more reminders to SP and include this on WFPC Agenda 165. All AGREED
4. **Any Reports from External Organisations** Shropshire Council; West Mercia Police: NONE were received.
5. **Any Representations from Parishioners** The Clerk will present this one item to WFPC May Meeting 165:
- a. **Dog Fouling around West Felton** **Christine Curtis** asked if WFPC could state that if the problem continues then WFPC will seek contractors to clean the streets and increase Parish Taxes for that purpose. **David Curtis** reminded us that the LJC had promised to include WFPC's proposed **Inter-Parish Dog Patrol** scheme on their next LJC agenda. The Clerk will remind the LJC and put this item on WFPC Agenda 165. All AGREED
- IN CONCLUSION the Chairman warmly thanked everyone for attending this Annual Parish Meeting 2016.
WEST FELTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016 CLOSED: 8.30 p.m. *Duration:* one hour.
6. **West Felton Parish Council Meeting 165** will be at 7.30pm in Methodist Hall on Tues 10 May 2016. NOTED
7. **An Informal Social Evening** continued after the event with free wine and cheese provided by **Ian Hutchinson**.

To be **APPROVED** and countersigned by the APM Chairman at APM 2017 >>

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NOTED by WFPC Meeting 165 on Tues 10 May 2016

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Chairman of West Felton Parish Council