

WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2019 at 7.00pm in West Felton Methodist Church Hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Chairman Marian Hesketh, Ed Nicholas, Roger Hampson, Pat Mabe, David Curtis, David Walker (and Dianne Barnes from 7:25pm)

Representatives from local groups: Twelve (including three young people)

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Steve Charmley; Parish Clerk Rosemary Wood; Public: One

1.19	CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & APOLOGIES The meeting was chaired by the Parish Council Chairman Marian Hesketh, who welcomed everyone. Apologies received from Parish Councillors Alison Ollier, Kay Kynaston and Chris Jones and from the President of the West Felton WI.
2.19	LOCAL POLICE TEAM The Clerk distributed a report of annual crime data received from the police. Discussion followed about local policing.
3.19	ANNUAL REPORTS WERE RECEIVED FROM LOCAL GROUPS: a) WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL The Parish Council Chairman gave an annual report summarising some of the significant matters of the past year, including the implementation of a Grant Awarding Policy, awarding the grounds maintenance contract to a new contractor, involvement with the Local Plan Review and Housing Needs Survey; as well as spending on new LED streetlighting, a VAS Sign, upgrading of the play equipment, a Silent Soldier and supporting the primary school with their expansion plans. A Financial Report for the year 2018/19 was then given by the Clerk. b) WEST FELTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE The Village Hall Secretary reported another busy year, with the village hall receiving many regular users and one off bookings and a number of fundraising and community events during the year that had been well supported. She reported that the Committee strive to keep the building in good repair and a pleasant venue and hope to have a new sound system installed by the end of the year and the loop system operating again. It was also reported that the new heating system was under review. A sad report was given of vandalism of the building from a one off user, which was reported to the police and following which the Committee has changed its procedures and conditions. c) WEST FELTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE The Clerk read out a report from the President of West Felton Women's Institute which summarised some of the activities and events that they had undertaken over the past year. It continues to be a thriving and vibrant group for ladies of West Felton and the surrounding villages. d) THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION A member reported that funds had been raised from a Poppy collection with the Ruyton XI Towns branch and from the Carnival Committee. A plea was made for new members and it was stressed that members need not be members or ex members of the services. A vice chairman is also needed. This year the branch hopes to purchase large poppies to place on lampposts. e) WEST FELTON YOUTH CLUB A representative of the Youth Club reported that the club is very well supported, with dedicated and well trained volunteers. Funding had been obtained from various sources over the year, allowing the Club to put on a range of activities for the youth. Three members of the Youth Club gave a presentation about a leadership training day that they had attended during the year. f) ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH A representative reported that the Rector and her husband are soon to leave the parish for a new post in Wales and a new Rector is to be recruited. Messy Church continues to be held quarterly and the Church hopes to become integrated into Oswestry Rural Youth Church (ORYC) which has been started

	<p>by the diocese of Oswestry. The Deacon Church Warden <i>MH</i> thanked Shropshire Council for the maintenance of the church yard.</p> <p>g) WEST FELTON METHODIST CHAPEL The Secretary reported that a shortage of Ministers had led to some joint services with Oswestry Methodist Church and although the church does not have a lot of members, it is still active, with some notable and well supported events during the year, including the monthly coffee mornings. It was also reported that funds had been raised over the last few years to repair extensive problems with the soffits and gutters and a large contribution to the works had been secured from the central Methodist Church, with the repair work scheduled for August.</p> <p>h) CARNIVAL COMMITTEE A representative reported on another successful carnival day in 2018 and plans for 2019, including the installing of electricity on the playing field, reviewing parking arrangements on carnival day, upgrading the Carnival website and working with Shropshire Council to promote walks from the village. It was reported that funds had been spent on road closure signs and various community projects and grants.</p> <p>i) RAINBOWS A leader from Rainbows gave a report of the many and varied activities that the girls had participated in during the year, as well as the new girl guiding programme of badges that had been introduced.</p> <p>j) WEST FELTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher attended the meeting. The Deputy Headteacher reported that there had been no inspections over the last year. She outlined the continuing benefits of being part of the Westcliffe Federation and also gave a report of some of the enrichment activities that the pupils had participated in over the last year. It was reported that funding and lack of space continue to present challenges and the school is forging ahead with plans to extend the site.</p> <p>k) WEST FELTON MAGAZINE A representative thanked the Committee and volunteer deliverers for their hard work during the year. She also reported that the Magazine continues to be financially viable.</p> <p>l) FELTON FLEXORS CLUB A representative reported that the group continues to be well supported, with members from West Felton and the surrounding area meeting once a week for exercise as well as other times for social events.</p>
4.19	<p>SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT Shropshire Councillor Steve Charmley reported that the Council continues its commercial approach of generating income to help deal with financial pressures and he outlined some of the projects that the Council has been involved in. He reported that the Council delivered a balanced budget for last year and although this year's budget looks strong it will be affected by funding from central government who are being lobbied for a fairer funding formula. He also reported on the Local Plan review, which is ongoing and the restructuring of the Highways Department. More locally, he reported on superfast fibre broadband coming to Grimpo, plans to extend the primary school and discussions about possible allotments in the parish.</p>
5.19	<p>MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 10 APRIL 2018 It was RESOLVED to confirm the above minutes as a true record and the Chairman was instructed to sign them as such.</p>
6.19	<p>RESOLUTIONS & OPEN QUESTION TIME AND CLOSE Various issues were raised and discussed, including the new LED streetlighting, the new VAS Sign and safety at the Queens Head A5 junction.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 8:20pm</p>

Chairman's Signature: *M Hesketh* Dated: *20 April 2021*