

WEST FELTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES of the WEST FELTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023 at 7:30pm at West Felton Village Hall.

Chaired by: David Walker (Parish Council Chairman)

Clerked by: Rosemary Wood (Parish Council Clerk)

PRESENT:

Parish Councillors: David Walker, Kerry Grove, John Thornhill, Marian Hesketh, Ozagir Ozcan

Representatives from local groups: three

Additional Members of the Public: two

West Mercia Police: PCSO Charlie Iremonger

1.23	<p>CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME & APOLOGIES</p> <p>The Chairman introduced himself, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He also advised that anything that was said may be included in public minutes and all present consented to this.</p> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <p>Parish Councillors: David Curtis (also Royal British Legion), Pat Mabe, John Houghton</p> <p>County Councillor Steve Charmley</p> <p>Community Groups: Colleen Hughes (magazine), Michael Davie (St Michael’s Parish Church), Christine Curtis (Village Hall and Methodist Chapel)</p>
2.23	<p>MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2022</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to confirm the above minutes as a true record and the Chairman was instructed to sign them as such.</p>
3.23	<p>WEST MERCIA POLICE ANNUAL REPORT</p> <p>An annual report of crime statistics which had been made available on the council’s website was considered and NOTED and PCSO Iremonger answered questions. He reported that he had been out with the speed camera and he also promoted Neighbourhood Matters and circulated a flyer about it.</p>
<p><i>Following item 3.23 there was a break for refreshments, after which PCSO Iremonger left the meeting.</i></p>	
4.23	<p>WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Walker reported on the activities of the council during the year as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some disagreements with Shropshire Council over a number of issues, including planning and release of s106 Alma Close monies. • Shropshire Local Plan currently with the planning inspector so the outcome is still unknown but there is a risk it will be referred back and the process would then need to start again. • Conservation Area which should hopefully be approved by Shropshire Council shortly, and would be beneficial should the village be classed as a hub under the Local Plan rather than open countryside. (The Chairman also mentioned the possibility of the parish council having a Neighbourhood Plan in order to secure more control over development in the village.) • The parish council has commented on 29 planning applications over the last 12 months (27 last year). • A grant was awarded to the WI for a tree and plaque to celebrate its centenary, and a grant for music to the school was approved for payment during 2023/24. • The council’s policies and procedures have been reviewed routinely. • The council has tried to tighten the legal status as ‘public open space’ of the land adjacent to Tedsmore Road. • The CIL Task and Finish Group had met during the year to prioritise CIL spending, with some of the items being implemented such as drainage work at the burial ground. • The parish council’s part of the council tax was increased very slightly for 2023/24, following the decrease in 2022/23.

5.22	SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT No report received
6.22	ANNUAL WRITTEN REPORTS FROM PARISH GROUPS Written reports from the following groups, giving an update of their activities over the year had been published on the parish council website (where provided) and were read by representatives and NOTED : (a) West Felton Methodist Chapel (b) West Felton Village Hall (c) West Felton CE Primary School (d) West Felton Royal British Legion (e) St Michael's Parish Church (f) Village Magazine – no report given (The editor had chosen to publish an annual report in the village magazine instead, in order to reach a larger audience.) (g) West Felton WI (h) Carnival Committee
7.22	PARISH MATTERS/OPEN FORUM a) Parish Council ideas for CIL monies The Chairman advised that the parish council still has CIL Neighbourhood Fund to spend on infrastructure and is open to any suggestions. The following suggestions were made by residents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting at the bottom of The Avenue on the left before the bridge, as it is very dark when walking there at night. • Solar panels on the village hall (a village hall committee member advised that this had been considered but due to very high installation costs it would take many years to get a return on the cost). b) Comments from electors – a resident requested that the 2024 meeting be held in the back room as he had struggled to hear.
8.22	CLOSE The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9:15pm.

Chairman's Signature..... Dated.....