

# WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of WEST FELTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018 at 7.00pm in West Felton Methodist Church Hall.

Present:

Parish Cllrs: Chair Ed Nicholas, Carole Coles, Roger Hampson, Kay Kynaston, Dianne Barnes, Pat Mabe, David Curtis and David Walker

Clerk: Rosemary Wood

Representatives from local groups: Five

Public: Two

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllrs: Vice Chair Marian Hesketh and Alison Ollier

2. LOCAL POLICE TEAM

The Clerk read out a report from PC Mark Moth, including details of the appointment of a new Safer Neighbourhood Team Sergeant, PS Claire Greenaway (who is to cover a large area of North Shropshire) and plans to recruit a replacement PCSO, so that the team is back to one PC and two PCSOs. She also circulated some crime statistics provided by PC Mark Moth, who had reported that crime and antisocial behaviour in West Felton is very low and the village remains a very safe place to live.

3. ANNUAL REPORTS WERE RECEIVED FROM LOCAL GROUPS:

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The Chairman gave an annual report summarising some of the significant matters of the past year, including planning issues, monies received from the Community Infrastructure Levy, crime prevention through Smartwater, ongoing issues of dog fouling and speeding and improvements to the burial ground and playing field. He also reported the resignation of the Parish Council's Clerk and appointment of a new clerk. A Financial Report for the year 2017/18 was then given by the Clerk.

▪ WEST FELTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Village Hall Secretary reported that improvements had been made during the year to the village hall building. She also outlined a number of fundraising events that had been organised during the year, as well as a not for profit magic show for the community. The village hall is well supported, with many regular users and a good committee and she thanked all those who have supported it.

▪ 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 have undertaken over the past year. It continues to be a thriving and vibrant group.

▪ THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – a member of the Royal British Legion reported that a Poppy Concert held during the year had raised a significant amount, but sadly the group is not currently well supported.

▪ WEST FELTON YOUTH CLUB

A representative of the Youth Club was able to report 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.

▪ ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

A representative of the Church reported that the new Curate had settled well into the parish. He also thanked the Parish Council for the grant for the loud speaker system and Shropshire Council for the maintenance of the Church Yard.

▪ WEST FELTON METHODIST CHAPEL

The Secretary reported that various projects had been undertaken to keep the fabric of the building in good repair and that the monthly community coffee mornings continue to be successful. She also thanked the community for their support.

▪ CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

A representative expressed gratitude for all the support from the community.

▪ RAINBOWS - No report received.

▪ WEST FELTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Clerk read a report from the Deputy Headteacher (who arrived at the meeting later). Details were given of the Ofsted and Siams Inspection reports from 2017 and the positive impact of being part of the Westcliffe Federation over the last year. The school has seen a significant increase in pupil numbers over recent years, which has brought challenges in terms of space and funding.

- WEST FELTON MAGAZINE – a representative thanked everyone for their support.

4. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

The Clerk read out a report from Cllr Steve Charmley stating that the Council continues to experience financial pressures. The report outlined some of the projects being planned to invest money in order to generate income for the Council.

5. CONFIRMATION OF LAST YEAR'S PARISH MEETING MINUTES

Council **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 as a true record; the Chairman was instructed to sign them as such.

6. RESOLUTIONS & OPEN QUESTION TIME AND CLOSE.

A member of the public reported that the residents of Haughton were experiencing increasing disruption to countryside recreation as a result of the expansion of large scale agricultural activities which obstructed the highway. The Council requested that he compile a report from local residents and send it to the Clerk, so that the Council could consider it and submit it to Shropshire Council.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 8pm

Chairman's Signature *M J Hesketh* Dated *9 April 2019*