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WATERS UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** of **Waters Upton** which was held in the **Village Hall, Waters Upton** on **Wednesday, 26th April 2017** at **7.30p.m.**

PRESENT: Councillor: Mrs L M Baker Oliver (Chairman)

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk to the Council)
Councillor E Thomas
Councillor D Smith
Councillor J Griffin
Councillor B Rothwell
6 members of the public
Councillor S Bentley, TWC

17/3283 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and the Parish Council very much appreciates the time that some residents give to attend the monthly meeting – this is important and will continue to be encouraged.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Baker Oliver, opened the meeting.

17/3284 APOLOGIES

Councillor T Revitt
Caroline Osborn, St Michael's Church
Ann Reed, Art Group
Angela Roberts, Chestnut Club
D Bennett
R Hughes, St John's Church
Councillor Stephen Burrell, TWC

17/3285 MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in 2016 had been distributed and displayed in the village noticeboards. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Thomas and seconded by Cllr Rothwell, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held in April 2016, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

17/3286 MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Cyclists

There continue to be concerns regarding the cyclists and in particular the vehicles that accompany the riders who park without regard for other road users.

There is, however, better communication between the cycling clubs and the Parish Council and advance notice of the events is sometimes available. There are less events taking place on the A442, however, it remains a designated route for racing and time-trials and is supported, as such, by the police.

Road Surfaces

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk meet regularly with the Highways Liaison Officer from TWC and a programme of work is to be produced for up to three years.

Speed through Villages

This continues to be a concern and is a police matter. This matter will, again, be raised with the local policing team.

17/3287 BROADBAND FOR RURAL AREAS

Claire Critchell, TWC, continues to lead this project which has rolled out superfast broadband to a large part of the Borough. It is expected that Cold Hatton will be connected in the near future as the infrastructure work has been completed.

By the end of 2017, there will only be 3% of properties not connected and Claire is working on a solution for Meeson.

17/3288 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman gave a report to the Meeting on the work throughout the year, a copy of the report is attached to the Minutes and is available on request. The report will be added to the website and will be forwarded for use in a future newsletter.

17/3289 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk is pleased to be able to report that the Parish Council still has a healthy balance.

The total of funds available at the end of March 2016 is in excess of £36,000. This is subject to the end of year adjustments for Audit purposes. We have worked within budget for 2015/16 and completed some local projects.

The balance includes the £7000 raised from the Buy A Leaf campaign for the purchase of Parish Room Croft.

The public works loan board had confirmed the outstanding balance of the Parish Centre loan to be £11,340.13.

The budget for 2017/18 has been agreed at £27,470, raised by a precept of £23,610.

17/3290 LOCAL GROUP & ORGANISATION REPORTS

The following reports had been received:-

St Michael's Church

St John's Church

Art Group

Chestnut Club

Waters Upton Village Hall

No reports had been received from AppleTrees Nursery or Crudgington School. If these are received during the new term, copies will be made available.

17/3291 WEST MERCIA POLICE

No report had been received, however we have been informed that information is available on their website.

There are no longer police surgeries in the rural areas. However, the police has confirmed that they will attend the Community Action Day on July 1st 2017.

17/3292 TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillors Bentley and Burrell had provided a written report which will be included in the Minute Book and on the website. Copies are available on request.

17/3293 PARISH MATTERS

The Swan Site, off River Lane

Local residents are concerned that the site has not been completed, there are unfinished landscaping and drainage issues. The sewage from the green box is often evident on the highway.

The planning application for the site of the old public house has not yet been determined, although the site is a Community Asset and therefore a community facility must be included in any future application.

Waters Upton to Great Bolas Road

Stagnant water remains on the right hand side of the road, following the parking issues relating to lorries visiting adjacent fields. The road condition at this location is very poor and there are deep ruts and potholes which are potentially dangerous.

Litter

A request for more organised litter picks will be considered and the road from Waters Upton to Great Bolas will be targeted.

Concerns were expressed about unacceptable litter in the form of mini gas canisters and balloons on Field View – the ‘users’ will be approached and discussions take place about such actions.

Roadsigns throughout the Parish

The Highways Liaison meetings have already provided a full list of signs in need of repair or upgrading / replacement.

Land opposite Bausleigh, Waters Upton

Whilst it is agreed that this is unsightly at the entrance to the village, there is little that can be done as it is in private ownership and, since the installation of the Haras fencing, it is now safe. The site is currently for sale, as a building plot with permission.

17/3294 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place immediately after this Annual Parish Meeting. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.55p.m.

SignedDate