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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, 25th April 2018** at **7.30p.m.**

PRESENT: Councillor: 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
Councillor T Revitt
7 members of the public
Councillor S Bentley, TWC

18/3482 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 Baker Oliver, opened the meeting.

18/3483 APOLOGIES

A Reed, Art Group
R Hughes, St John's Church
J Williams, Village Hall

18/3484 MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in 2017 had been distributed and displayed in the village noticeboards. It was proposed by Cllr 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 2017, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

18/3485 MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Speed through the villages

This is an ongoing matter which appears on regular agendas and is discussed at Highways Liaison Meetings.

Broadband

Our Parish is well served by Broadband provision – if any residents are still not connected they can contact the Parish Council to ascertain the current position from TWC / BT.

Swan site – drainage issues

Enforcement action is in place between the local authority and the developer.

Litter

Regular community day / litter picks have been arranged and are reasonably well attended. However, the Parish Council is grateful to the local residents who pick up litter on a regular basis as they walk throughout the Parish. More Street Wardens would be welcome.

18/3486 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.

18/3487 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 2017 is in excess of £48,000. This is subject to the end of year adjustments for Audit purposes. We have worked within budget for 2017/18 and completed some local projects.

The balance includes around £21,000 raised from the Buy A Leaf campaign for the purchase of Parish Room Croft. There are also two outstanding pledges.

The public works loan board had confirmed the outstanding balance of the Parish Centre loan to be £10,489.97.

The budget for 2018/19 has been agreed and a precept of £23,970.00 has been raised.

18/3488 LOCAL GROUP & ORGANISATION REPORTS

Apple Trees Nursery	No report
St Michael's Church	No report
St John's Church	Ray Hughes had submitted a report and a copy will be on the website.
Crudgington School	Report attached to the Minutes and available on the website
Art Group	Ann Reed had submitted a short report and a copy will be on the website
Chestnut Club	No report
Waters Upton Village Hall	The hall remains well used and financially sound. It is hoped that redecoration will take place in the Summer of 2018.
Neighbourhood Watch	Huw Roberts presented an up to date report on the Smartwater We Don't Buy Crime project. Smartwater kits are available at a special price of £8.90. The new Parish signs will be erected in The near future.

18/3489 WEST MERCIA POLICE

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

However, the police have been very helpful and supportive in the Smartwater Project.

18/3490 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.

18/3491 PARISH MATTERS

Speeding on the A442

This problem is now worse than ever and noticeable along the entire stretch of A442 from Shawbirch to Hodnet. Some residents have already contacted the police and the Parish Council was asked to request the Speed Camera Vans to be in place more often. This is especially necessary outside Crudgington School with reference to the new 20mph zone for school times. Recent accidents are concerning and the children often comment on the walk to school as a 'frightening experience'.

One 40mph repeater sign has not been repositioned following an accident and remains in the verge.

18/3492 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