

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for the parish of Wall held at 7:15 pm
on Wednesday 15 May 2019 at Wall Village Hall, Watling St, Wall**

Present: Cllr M J Crowe (Chairman of the Parish Council), 5 other members of the Parish Council and 1 member of the public.

In Attendance: Peter Young (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr A Ryman, County Cllr D Smith, District Cllr Alastair Little

1. Welcome

Cllr M J Crowe (Chairman of the Parish Council) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 16 May 2018

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 May 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes: There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4. Chairman's Report 2018/19

The Chairman thanked councillors for their work over the past year and also thanked Mr Fred Ellet for all the work he undertook to improve the village.

There had been a well-attended meeting regarding proposed changes to the Conservation Area.

Following concerns from residents regarding speeding traffic, the Council had obtained a grant to purchase a speed indicator device. After considerable delays the device was now installed and being rotated around four locations in the village. The results being recorded show that vehicles are travelling well in excess of the speed limit and on occasions double the limit. Staffordshire Highways in conjunction with County Councillor Smith are also rolling out a program involving neighbouring parishes to obtain more devices. Wall has agreed to participate in this scheme.

The Community Payback team are now again working to a regular programme of visits. Cllr Sampson is acting as liaison with the Probation Service as local coordinator. Recently the rotary mower kindly gifted by George Hartshorne eight years ago became beyond repair so it was decided to purchase a new machine to enable the Payback team to be more productive. A petrol hedge trimmer was purchased at the same time. These items could be used around the churchyard if needed to complement the work done by the gardener. Several areas of the churchyard have been identified where Community Payback team could be deployed.

Restoration to the phone box was now been complete and it is back in use as a library. Lighting in the box will be reinstalled shortly.

Wall was awarded a Highly Commended in the Best Kept Village competition last year and has been entered again this year.

The council along Shenstone Parish Council have constantly been in contact with Highways England regarding the lack of lane markings at Wall Island. It was revealed only a few days ago that work is about to take place shortly to rectify this along with those at Muckley Corner Island.

Sadly, long-time resident and councillor of 38 years standing, John Linney, passed away at the end of 2018 and his position on the council was filled in January by the co-option of Mrs Fiona Robertson.

Following the recent Local Authority Elections all existing Councillors were returned.

5. Any other matters raised by Electors

A member of the public stated that there was no timetable on the bus stop by the bus shelter in Watling Street. Cllr Paul Sampson also expressed concerns about the safety of the reversing manoeuvre being carried out by buses at this location, as the bus route turned back on itself here. There was also still no 'flag' on the bus stop post on the east side of Ashcroft Lane, just south of the Watling Street crossroads. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact the bus company on these three matters.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 7:30 pm