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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL RUSHBURY PARISH MEETING HELD ON APRIL 10TH. 2017 AT 8 PM IN RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL.

APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Mr and Mrs C Lippett, Mrs D Pye, Mrs J Guthrie.

PRESENT.

Councillor M McFarland (chairman) and 13 parishioners.

CHAIRMANS REPORT.

Councillor McFarland welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the agenda would enable local organisations to report and keep the parish informed about what has happened over the past year.

The main project for the parish council this year has been to try and make our villages safer, and to this end we have re sited the speed limit signs in Longville and wall under Heywood, so that speeding laws can be enforced. On wall bank. We have been granted permission to include a 40 mph area. We still have a part of the project to complete that is to make the narrow part of Rushbury road safer for pedestrians. We are very grateful to Mrs J. Kohn for her offer of land to enable the highways Department to make the verge for people to step onto out of the way of oncoming traffic.

The parish council have been consulted on a number of planning applications, although we are asked Sometimes decisions go against our opinion but we have been lucky this year to have overturned a planning refusal.

He thanked his fellow councillors for their support and the clerk for her hard work.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Councillor Mrs C Motley told the meeting that Shropshire Council has fallen on hard times as there had been no extra funding from the government for rural counties. The government has allowed councils to increase Council tax by 6% over the next 3 years; Shropshire Council has decided to increase by 2% each year for 3 years. This will mean considerable budget cuts because the Council has the responsibility of funding elderly care in the County. Councillor Motley was thanked by councillor McFarland.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The clerk reported the audited accounts for year ending March 2016

Income for the year	£9806.97.
Expenditure for the year	£6579.43
Carried forward	£3227.54.

RUSHBURY SCHOOL REPORT.

Mrs D Pye, Head teacher, had submitted a written report. She told the meeting that there were 50 pupils on roll, divided into 3 small classes. Rushbury School now offers wraparound care 7:30 AM until 6 PM. 22% of pupils travel from outside the school's catchment area. Activsports cover the full sports curriculum and organise inter school competitions, the school is also grateful to local people who organise extracurricular clubs. Shropshire Country Weddings and Events, who occupy the school kitchen, provide the school with freshly prepared meals costing £2 per day per child

Rushbury pupils continued to take part in a wide variety of national and local competitions and have been very successful.

RUSHBURY TRUSTEES REPORT.

Opening Balance	£6843.39
Expenditure	£278.54
Carried Forward	£6564.54

RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL REPORT.

Mrs Sarah Madeley reported that the village Hall had had a busy year. Having received a grant from the big lottery fund, the heating in the Hall was updated quite successfully, and this had led to letting fees rising. The Hall now has a website and there is Internet connection available for village Hall Users. More insulation is a must, but it is still under discussion. The village Hall is still short of committee members who are essential for good management.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE PARISH.

Councillor Dr C Stevenson took the chair for this part of the meeting. He told the meeting that the parish Council had recently been asked in a consultation document about various aspects taking the parish and county to 2036. At present Rushbury is open country. But do we want to remain so until 2036. In the parish's reply we had stressed the importance of the AONB and when considering housing they also need to take into consideration travel, time costs, and public transport. He opened the meeting to a discussion but no positive ideas came forth.

The meeting closed at 9:30 PM.