

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL RUSHBURY PARISH MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 16 APRIL 2018 AT 8:00PM IN RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr G Gough, Mrs J Guthrie, Mr and Mrs Pye.

PRESENT

Mr M McFarland (Parish Council Chairman), 9 pupils of Rushbury School and 8 parishioners.

MINUTES

Mr Paul Bodimeade proposed and Mr Andrew Richards seconded that the minutes of the parish meeting held on 10.04.17 be signed as a correct record.

RUSHBURY SCHOOL REPORT

9 Rushbury school pupils presented a very confident report, the school has 51 pupils 3 teachers and 5 teaching assistants. With the help of their teacher, Mrs Manley, they gave an illustrated presentation of all the activities that the children take part in with considerable success. Mr McFarland complimented them on an excellent presentation.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

Mr McFarland, parish council chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the activities of the parish council during the past year.

The parish council have been trying for a couple of years now to get the speed signage in Longville and Wall under Heywood accepted by the police, after a long consultation process and the re-siting of the signage Longville speed limits are now enforceable and when the re-siting of the signage in Wall under Heywood and Wall Bank are complete those will be enforceable.

Although Shropshire Council have agreed to the road widening of the road between Wall under Heywood and Rushbury it is taking time. The Council have been consulted on numerous planning applications in the parish, none of which have been controversial. He ended his report by thanking his fellow councillors and the clerk.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Mrs Cecilia Motley told the meeting that following the 2017 election Shropshire Council has a new administration and Councillor Mr Peter Nutting was the new leader. She was unhappy about the Portfolio holders as there was little support for the rural areas in the south of the county. There had been difficult times setting the 2018/19 budget as more money had to be allocated for special care. The council had extra money from the Government to repair potholes and with a new contractor she was hopeful that the roads would improve. The chairman thanked Mrs Motley.

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT

The parish clerk presented the councils audited accounts for the year 2016-2017.

Income for the year

£7717.87

Expenditure £5453.43

Carried Forward £2264.44

The precept for the year 2018-2019 remain at £5700.

RUSHBURY TRUSTEES REPORT

Mr Martin Pye, Trustees chairman, had submitted a written report which was read to the meeting. He explained that the Wainwright trust exists to help with the external maintenance and upkeep of the original school buildings, School gardens and outbuildings. It also provides funds for services not normally provided by the local education authority. Historically and in the days before state benefit, the trust provided some support for parishioners in need. However once a year the trust advertises its charitable status for parishioners in need. Most of the trust's income comes from the lease of the school buildings and grounds to Shropshire Council.

The most recent audited accounts are from the 2016-17 financial year.

Opening balance £3120.23

total in £4130.39

total out £ 778.54

closing balance at 31.03.17 £6472.00

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Mrs Sarah Madeley reported that Hall was well maintained and had had a good year for bookings. The Hall had recently installed a post box and has Internet access for Village Hall users. She thanked Mr Tom Flashman for his help in repairing the potholes in the car park. Recently there had been a fire safety inspection which had led to extra costs to comply with Health and Safety regulations. It is planned to have the floor resurfaced in the future at a cost of £5000.

PARISHIONERS BUSINESS

Mrs Sarah Madeley reported that the Millennium Green play equipment needed to be replaced and asked for help to raise funds and to help with weekly care to maintain the equipment.

The meeting closed at 9.15.