

MINUTES OF THE IGHFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE CALVERHALL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 16th MAY 2022

PRESENT: Councillors: M Astley (Chairman), W Heywood-Lonsdale (Vice Chair), M Proctor, H Hitchman.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Martin - Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologise were received from Councillors D Price, L Roberts and E Rich.

1. Minutes from the last Annual Parish Meeting on the 26th April 2021

Councillor M Astley discussed that due to the absence of a Clerk last year there aren't any minutes to approve from the last meeting

2. Matters arising from the previous meetings minutes

No matters arising due to the lack of minutes as mentioned above.

3. Annual report from Ightfield Parish Council

The following report was made by Councillor M Astley:

Ightfield Parish Council moved forward in Financial Year 2021/2022 with a stable and full membership of councillors able to manage the running of the Parish during Covid.

Unfortunately, our Parish Clerk of the past few years Mrs Melanie Joyce resigned in May 2021. The PC placed on record their thanks for all her efforts. During most of 21/22 Mrs Amanda Roberts provided locum Clerk services. We have now appointed a new permanent PC clerk. The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to Mrs Roberts for stepping in and securing the ongoing administration and management of the PC's work in the last year.

After the completion of the larger projects in the previous financial year the Parish Council continued with further installations and refurbishments. As a result of which our Turnover in 21/22 was £42,711. This will result in Parish Council finances being subject to a higher level of independent audit.

In FY 21/22 there was mainly only one planning application presented to this Parish Council – The refurbishment and alteration of Ightfield Old Hall.

We continued to work closely with Shropshire Council on pothole and flood reporting. This last year has seen some improvement on road flooding between Ightfield and Calverhall.

Work was finally prioritised on the lengthy problems outside Calverhall on the Bletchley Road; significant improvements had been noted in FY 2021/22. We thank Shropshire Cllr Paul Wynn for his ongoing help in this matter.

Since 2019, the Parish council has focused its efforts within a Strategic Vision that has 3 goals: securing and improving our local infrastructure, representing the Parish in planning and development, and supporting/enabling our local communities.

The Parish Council website over the last few years has become our main portal for news and communication within the community. This facility can then feed into social media operated by other groups within our Parish. Parishioners are advised to contact the Parish Council through the website.

During this last financial year, we completed the refurbishment of the Calverhall Playground, the cleaning and repointing of the War Memorial and the installation of a Defibrillator in the Old Telephone Box in Ightfield.

In Financial Year 2021/2022 we started to learn and understand how to manage the Link Pathway. This will continue in the coming financial year. We are then planning to implement a new Parish Grounds Maintenance programme in Financial year 2021/2022.

The Parish Council awarded grants in the financial year to the Calverhall Village Hall Committee, Salop Wheels and Calverhall in Bloom.

In this coming new financial year, we will be looking to secure funds for the upgrade of the Ightfield Playground. We have secured CIL Neighbourhood Funds to upgrade the Parish lighting to LED. The ongoing maintenance of parish facilities, the provision of utilities, insurance and grants is financed through the Council Tax Precept we receive at the beginning of each financial year.

4. Report from the Unitary councillor:

P Wynn made the following report:-

He updated members of the Council re Highways:-

- The council are going to provide a further 20 million pounds on top of the 40 million over the next 3 years.
- Over 25,000 potholes have been repaired in the last financial year, over 90% of those are permanent , first time repairs .
- Shropshire Council are working with Whitchurch Driving Centre, local members and

driving instructors to find a new home for a test centre which will be fantastic for North Shropshire .

-Shropshire Council's children's services department have recently been rated 'Good' by Ofsted.

-In addition, Shropshire Council have been awarded 'Good' by a recent Ofsted report. - Shropshire Council have decided to ban all releases of sky lanterns and balloons on its' property and have asked the government to consider a nationwide on all releases. This is to prevent harm to wildlife and livestock and reduce the risk of accidental fires and littering.

-People who have registered for a third wheelie bin will begin receiving them as we speak. The whole county should be covered within a couple of months. People can still order a third bin but new orders won't be delivered until the current 70,000 plus have been distributed.

-Shropshire Council have invested 59 million into road maintenance over the last four years .

-The first properties built by Cornovii have been completed and all sales have gone exclusively to Shropshire residents or people with Connections to Shropshire.

5. Publish Questions in respect of above report

There were no members of the public present to do so but should any questions be asked on the Ightfield website Clerk C Martin will provide a response.

6. An opportunity for Members of the Parish to raise any matters for discussion.

Members did not have any comments to make at this time.

Meeting was closed at 19.50.