

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2026

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Up Hatherley, held at the Village Hall, Cold Pool Lane, Up Hatherley, on Tuesday 14th April 2026

Present: Chair of the Council, Councillor S. Bamford

In attendance: K. Oakey – to record minutes, 25 parishioners, Councillors P. Worsley, D. Willcox, A. Bamford, A. Houlton, A. Duignan, S. Gutteridge, J. Furley, A. Goldsby and N. Holden

Apologies: Cllrs. J. Sankey, M. Ede, R. Whyborn, A. Ponting, and Y. Doane

Welcome, Presentation and Chair's Report

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. She informed the residents present that this will be an informal meeting consisting of a few presentations, a short review of the year followed by refreshments where members will be available to answer any questions.

Presentations

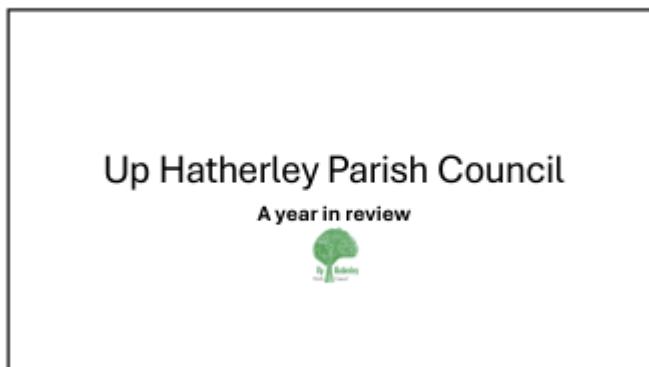
Several certificates were presented to member of the community for the work that they do behind the scenes, including:

- Ashley Houlton for his running of the health walks over the past 14 years
- Hazel Hawkes for her 32 years' service to the community at Hawkes Pharmacy
- Richard Caudle for his 37 years serving the community delivering the post
- John Izamis for his 18 years' service at the Lakeside Chip Shop, including regular donations to the food bank
- Chris Evans for his work at the Butterfly Gardens, and
- Sue and Keith Gore for their fundraising support.

The Chair also presented Sue and Keith Gore with a donation to the Butterfly Garden on behalf of the 2 o'clock club.

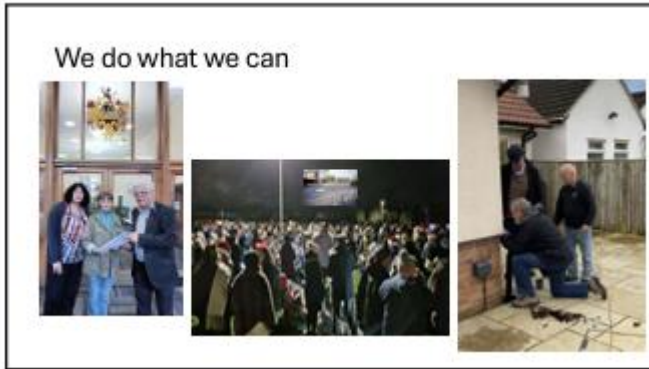
A Year in Review

Slides were presented and below is a summary for each one.



We Do What We Can

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- The Parish Council has worked hard to enrich the local community
- A challenge was made to the changes to the bus routes, opening up communications with Stagecoach

Planning



- The Council works hard to protect the greenbelt, that following a boundary review back in 1991 became part of Tewkesbury Borough. We are expecting a consultation shortly on whether fields in the surrounding areas will become “grey” belt, and all were asked to be vocal against this.

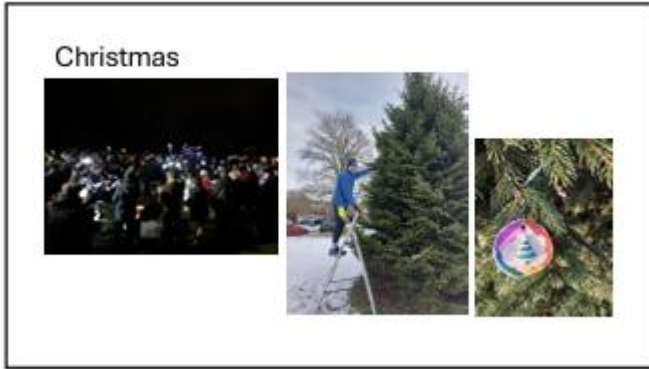
Community Engagement:



- A shipping container is now the permanent home to the Lakeside Foodbank and the Chair thanked all of the supporters and volunteers.
- This year there was a house decorating Halloween competition.
- Most recently an Easter Egg hunt took place in Caernarvon Park, with over 30 children taking part.

Christmas:

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- The carols on the green continue to be popular
- A regular feature is now the tree decorating competition for the children.

Footpaths and Open Spaces:



- The Health Walk continues to be popular, and is a good source of information on any issues identified with pavements in the parish.
- Paths in Manor Park and Cheriton Park have been worked on with encroachment being removed.
- A footpath has been installed in Sunnyfield Lane to make access to up Hatherley Way easier. The bench by the path has been treated and painted.

Police and Community and Safety:



- We continue to liaise closely with the Police and Community Safety Officers and the Chair passed on her thanks to Cllr Ponting who has helped organise 2 cyber talks over the past few years.
- Sadly there has been little progress getting anyone to take responsibility for the damaged wall in the Hillview car park.

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Highways:



- The Chair informed those present that the Parish Council was not responsible for potholes, however we do work closely with Gloucestershire Highways and pass on issues.
- We have been fortunate to have several roads in the parish resurfaced over the past year.

Village Hall:



- The Chair passed on thanks to Cllr Gutteridge who has led on maintaining the hall garden and she encouraged those present to take a look.
- The 2 o'clock club continues to be popular.

Parish Record and Communications:



- The Chair thanks Cllr Worsley for his 19th year as editor of the Record. It continues to be a popular and successful annual magazine delivered to all the properties in the parish. This year's project is already well under way.

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The Chair finished the presentation thanking the parish councillors and volunteers from the 2 o'clock club and food bank for their hard work and assistance during the year. She also thanks the Clerk for the assistance and guidance over the year. Sadly three members will be stepping down at the May elections, Cllrs Ponting, Duignan and Houlton, and she passed on her thanks for all the work that they have carried out over the years as members.



Cllr Worsley thanked the Chair for the continuing hard work and leadership to the parish council.

Signed..... Chair, 12th May 2026