

KNOCKIN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Knockin Village Hall on Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 7:00 PM

Cllrs Present: Cllr Roberts (presiding), Cllr Burns, Cllr Cordey, Cllr Jones, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Moseley, Cllr Mitcham, 6 members of the public.

Also present: Clerk: Lydia Bardsley, SC Cllr Duncan Borrowman

Meeting started: 19.01

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor D Roberts

Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to Knockin Village Hall and the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting.

2. To approve the minutes of the annual parish meeting held 14.05.24

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the [minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14.05.24.](#)

3. Annual Report of the Parish Council 2024/25, presented by the Chairman, Councillor D Roberts

Cllr Dave Roberts provided an Annual Report which covered the following:

- Change of clerk – the PC said goodbye to Amy Jones and welcomed Lydia Bardsley as Clerk in June.
- Completion of Puffin crossing at end of May 2024, which is helping people cross road safely.
- Planning applications -work has started on barns in Ivy House.
- Changes on Council - co-option of new Cllr Sheilagh Lewis for the vacancy left by Cllr Miranda Lawson.
- Former Cllr Manford is coordinating a Community Speed Watch group, this will hopefully start soon after months of work.
- Jan 2025 - Bus shelter was damaged but kindly mended by Evans Enterprises.
- Bradford Estate attended January Council meeting re. proposed development north of Bradford Drive. Many parishioners participated and shared their concerns. The PC will listen to everyone's views before decisions are made, but there is no planning application to consider at present.
- Local elections - Cllr James Manford decided not to stand for election in 2025 due to work commitments. The Chairman thanked James for his hard work whilst on the PC, and welcomed new Cllr Paul Cordey.
- Chairman also thanked SC Cllr Vince Hunt for his hard work and support of the Parish Council, and welcomed new SC Cllr Duncan Borrowman.

The Financial Report was presented by the RFO and **NOTED.**

4. Reports to the Parish Meeting from:

1. Kinnerley CofE school

The Clerk summarised the school report which covered nursery numbers, wraparound care, fundraising activities, progress on joining a Multi Academy Trust, and financial challenges. The need

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to maintain pupil numbers, and the importance of fundraising and grants was highlighted. The report was **NOTED**.

2. Unitary Councillor

SC Cllr Duncan Borrowman introduced himself and his background. There is not a lot to report at present as he has only been in office for 5 days. He is easily contacted by email (Duncan.Borrowman@shropshire.gov.uk), and Parish Cllrs will have access to his mobile number.

The financial situation of SC encouraged him to stand for election, e.g. major issues with highways, pot holes etc., and various other issues that need addressing urgently. He is replacing Vince Hunt as SC Cllr for Llanymynech, as well as Chair of SC. He encouraged everyone to get in touch to discuss any issues.

5. Open Session for Questions and General Discussion

- Sewage at back of Church view – There is a constant smell even though cleaners come regularly, and it is noisier than it has ever been. PC has been informed that STaR housing has been reviewing the treatment plants and is waiting for the outcome of these inspections/reviews.
- Request for road sign for Church Lane as some visitors struggle to find the Church. SC Cllr Borrowman will look into possible funding for this.
- Noted that the stile near potential new development site has been removed and it is believed it should be replaced with a kissing gate later this week.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending and the meeting was closed at 19.20.