

# NASH PARISH COUNCIL

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**RE: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019 AT 7PM**

Dear Resident,

I am writing to invite you to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at Nash Parish Hall, commencing at 7pm, when in addition to the usual agenda we will be discussing the creation of a Parish Plan including the potential for the inclusion of modest housing development to meet reported local needs. This is a potentially important document which can impact on the management of our Parish going forwards. Critically, it will only be effective if it engages with and considers all of YOUR views and thoughts on the issues which you consider are important - as such, **your presence and contribution at the meeting will be greatly appreciated and very beneficial.**

A Parish Plan is a document that tackles key issues that will influence our neighbourhood in the future. This could be anything from ensuring building projects fit in with local character to supporting alternatives to private car use and for example, dealing with the management of the refuse collection site at the Knowle Sports Ground going forwards.

The Council for the Preservation of Rural England says a Parish Plan should reflect the local vision of how local residents would like to see the area change in coming years and so its purpose is to highlight key issues of concern and outline a strategy to manage such issues in a formal manner linking in with Shropshire Council on planning and other matters.

The development of the plan will be supported by the Parish Council but should be led by a Steering Group of local people taking into account the views of the whole community and highlighting the needs of our local area.

Meanwhile, I am pleased to be able to tell you that, since the resignation of the previous PC last year, some five new volunteers have come forward as replacement Councillors and were duly co-opted onto the Parish Council. They are Clare Morris, Charlie Pinckney, Louise Roberts, Peter Stubbs and me, Bob Young and this has enabled Shropshire Councillors Gwilym Butler, the Interim Chair and Madge Shineton to stand down and subsequently at the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March I was elected Chair in Gwilym's stead. Richard Huffer, our local Shropshire Councillor remains the sixth member of the Parish Council leaving one further vacancy to be filled.

I will be reporting to the Annual Parish Meeting on what the Parish Council has been up to since its re-establishment last July but you will already have noticed the 115% increase in the Parish Council precept, a provision we considered necessary to enable us to support local groups, provide improved accountability by way of the website, newsletters etc. and contribute to much needed improvements to the Parish Hall to enable better access for people with disabilities.

Access, particularly internet access, road drainage, HGV signage, reduction in recycling facilities, defective speed signage and of course potholes have all figured in our deliberations along with representations from residents whose attempts to provide a home on their own land for their grown up children have been thwarted by the planning system.

No doubt these and many other issues will figure in our proposed discussions around a Parish Plan and we are keen to involve as many local people as possible in canvassing opinion and developing the plan. Neighbouring Parish Councils including Bitterley and Coreley have, or are in the course of producing Parish Plans and so to some extent we are playing catch up. They have established Steering Committees of local residents to gather information, investigate issues and oversee the process and we are keen to follow their example for which of course, we need your help.

I and my colleagues look forward to seeing you on the 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Yours Sincerely

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#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA 7pm

- 1) Chair's Introduction and Annual Report
- 2) Unitary Councillors Report – Richard Huffer
- 3) Parish Hall Report
- 4) Public Discussion around development of a Parish Plan  
TBC Guest Speaker from neighbouring parish on the value of a Parish Plan
- 5) Any other Business

To be followed by the Parish Council AGM