

Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Annual Parish Meeting

12th May 2026

Commenced: 7.00 pm

Terminated: 7.20 pm

Present: Councillor Daly (Deputy Chair in the Chair)
Councillors Berrisford, Bullock, Ecclestone, Hales, Head, Lovatt, Owen,
Speed and Watkin.

There were 2 Members of the Public in attendance

1. WELCOME

In the absence of the Chair of Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council, the Deputy Chair, Councillor Daly welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bettley-Smith and Karling.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7th May 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Deputy Chair of the Parish Council.

4. DEPUTY CHAIR'S REPORT

In Councillor Bettley-Smith's absence, the Clerk presented the Chair's written report. The report gave an introduction, thanked volunteers and Parish Councillors, summarised recent parish achievements, reviewed the financial position and budget, provided an update on Sandy Croft, and described progress and events at the Memorial Garden.

5. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the Parish Council reported on the huge progress to enhancing the footpaths in local countryside.

6. LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Whilst there were no local organisations in attendance, Members of the Parish Council reported on their involvement with numerous projects and organisations, particularly the fund raising dog walks and the Village Hall Committee.

It was reported that residents had expressed thanks to the Footpaths Working Group, for making enhancements to the footpaths that had had a huge impact on their lives.

7. OPEN FORUM

A resident referred to challenges over the last four years, and thanks were expressed to the Parish Councillors, for continuing to work for the Community under challenging circumstances.

In relation to the Neighbourhood Plan Review, former Parish Clerk, Mr Gwyn Griffiths was recognised for his continuing support, especially when he did not live within the Parish.

Concerns were raised regarding outstanding money still owed to the Rural Runabout and the resident was assured that this matter was being pursued.

The resident felt that there was a need for estimated costs in case of a future contested election, so the Parish Council could budget accordingly, and the Clerk agreed to contact, once again, the Borough on this matter.