

**MINUTES
OF
WOORE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Held at Woore Victory Hall
Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.30pm**

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllrs M Blake, Allison, Clifford, Cowey, Ford, Lightfoot, Shropshire Cllr (SC) Cadwallader and Ms Tyson (Tree and Footpath Officer).

Seven Parishioners: C. Gath, P. Hawkins, C. Jeffries, W. Nichol, J. Parkes, J. Porritt and R. Rigby.

Miss S. Pimlott, Clerk to Woore Parish Council (the PC).

WOORE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman of the PC, Cllr M. Blake, due to the absence on business of Cllr Moore, Chairman of the PC.

Cllr Blake welcomed those attending the meeting and called for a minute's silence in memory of Cllr Frank Woodcock and the former County Councillor and unitary SC Brian Gillow. At the conclusion of the minute's silence the Chairman invited Cllr Clifford to say a few words of tribute about Frank Woodcock and Brian Gillow.

Cllr Clifford thanked both Frank and Brian for their years of service to the parish of Woore. Frank, a Parish Cllr for 29 years, was a serving Cllr at the time of his death. Brian was a SC for 32 years before his retirement.

Cllr Clifford said that he had first met both Frank and Brian at the first meeting which he attended as a new Parish Councillor. He said that both Frank and Brian had worked hard to protect the interests of parishioners. Cllr Clifford said that although he and Brian had been political opponents Brian never let that get in the way of working together for the good of the parishioners. He also recounted that Frank had once told him that "However hard you fight in Council, everyone's doing it for what they think best for the village, and I never take it personally." Cllr Clifford said that Frank's unique presence, and his extensive knowledge of the Parish and his friendship and acquaintance with very many parishioners, would be sadly missed in the Parish and on the PC.

**TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL
PARISH MEETING OF 13TH APRIL 2015.**

The Minutes were agreed and accepted by the Meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A report prepared by Cllr Moore as Chairman of the PC was circulated. Cllr Blake presented the report. No questions were raised about the Report.

WOORE PARISH COUNCIL – DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORT

Draft accounts prepared by the Clerk had been circulated. The Clerk reported on the accounts. Cllr Clifford asked the Clerk to explain the reason for the deficit in the accounts. The Clerk reported the main reasons were the purchase of the Moveable Vehicle Activated Signs and the Adult Exercise Equipment, together with the works to prepare the site for the equipment at the back of the Victory Hall. VAT paid on those items would be recovered in due course.

WOORE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT

The Chairman summarised the progress on the Neighbourhood Plan, in the absence of Mr J. West. No questions or issues were raised.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Chairman invited SC Cadwallader to present his report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. At the conclusion of his presentation, the Chairman asked if there were any questions or issues those attending the meeting wanted to raise with SC Cadwallader. Mr Hawkins raised the flooding on the A51 between Station Road at Pipe Gate and the bridge. He said that this flooding had now been present for a considerable period of time. SC Cadwallader agreed to drive home that way to see the problem for himself. He and the Clerk would raise it with Shropshire Council.

TREE AND PATH WARDENS' REPORT

A report prepared by Ms C. Bedson and Ms S. Tyson, Tree and Path Wardens, had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Report was presented by Cllr Blake. Ms Tyson was present at the meeting to take any questions but no questions were raised.

WOORE VICTORY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

A report prepared by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr W. Nichol, was circulated. Cllr Blake presented the report and invited any questions for Mr Nichol who was present. No questions were raised.

WOORE UNITED CHARITIES REPORT

A report prepared by the Chairman of the Trust, Dr Charles Hoy, was circulated prior to the meeting. The report was presented by Cllr Blake. Dr Hoy was unable to attend. In his absence Cllr Allison, one of the PC's nominated trustees of the Trust, was present to take questions. No questions were raised.

OLD WOORE SCHOOL TRUST- REPORT

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Secretary to the Trust, Mr J. Parkes, attended the meeting. There were no trustees present at the meeting. Mr Parkes presented the report. He said that the PC would need to appoint a new trustee at its forthcoming Annual General Meeting to replace the PC's nominated trustee and Chairman of the Trust, Mr Gillow. No questions were raised of Mr Parkes.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

A report prepared by the Scheme Co-ordinator, Mr P. Hawkins, was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Blake presented the Report and invited any questions for Mr Hawkins. No questions were raised.

VILLAGE PRIDE

A report prepared by the Chairman of Village Pride, Mr C. Jeffries, was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Blake presented the report and invited any questions for Mr Jeffries. No questions were raised. A number of those present at the meeting, including Cllr Blake, Cllr Clifford and the Clerk, congratulated Mr Jeffries and all the Village Pride Team on the work they had carried out since the last meeting. The loveliness of the spring bulb display this year was praised. These praises were endorsed by all those attending the meeting.

MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS (MVAS)

A report prepared by Cllr Blake was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Blake presented his report. Cllr Clifford thanked Cllr Blake for the time he and his colleagues spend ensuring that MVAS continued to work effectively to reduce the speed of traffic travelling through the Parish. Cllr Clifford's views were unanimously endorsed by all those present. Cllr Clifford proposed that the Parish Meeting should seek details of the enforcement action which the West Mercia Police proposed to take arising from the evidence obtained by MVAS that drivers are speeding through the Parish. It was resolved that the Chairman of the Meeting should seek such information.

MARKET DRAYTON AND RURAL AREAS LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT(LJC)

A report prepared by the PC representative on the LJC, Cllr Clifford, was circulated prior to the Meeting. Cllr Clifford presented his report. He drew particular attention to the current availability of funding for youth work in Woore. He said that the definition of youth work had now been widened so that youth coaching carried out by the cricket and tennis clubs in Woore should now meet the criteria and hopefully be entitled to receive grants of up to £2,000.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A parishioner, Mr J. Porritt, raised concerns about a bramble hedge and grass verge in the vicinity of the Ireland's Cross sign requiring attention. The Clerk indicated that she would review this problem.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.