

BRILLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
Thursday 9 May 2019 at 19.00 at Brilley Village Hall

Present: Cllr Roger Bayliss (Chairman)

In Attendance: Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; 6 members of public.

1. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting – 8 May 2018. These were ADOPTED and signed.

2. Report from the Chairman –

NOTED: 9 meetings, generally bi-monthly, additional meetings for planning when deadline before next scheduled meeting. 5 planning applications – 4 supported, 1 objected to as not within NDP, ultimately rejected at all levels.

Lengthsman scheme totally funded by parish, £4,000/year, reduced hours due to increased cost; financial support to Village Hall for mowing and maintenance; and continued funding for community website. Road repairs an on-going merry-go-round, some improvements, more needs doing; money from government for resurfacing possible but no guarantee any will come to parish.

GDPR, new data protection laws, in force. Litter a problem on roads, working group of volunteers to collect rubbish. Centenary of Great War remembered in November 2018, cider apple tree planted outside village hall, bring and share tea, circular footpath in memory of Allan Leonard Lewis, only Herefordshire born VC, established within parishes of Brilley and Whitney.

Thanks to Councillors and Clerk for work throughout year, to Cllr Roger Phillips for updates in absence of own Ward Cllr, to members of public and special thank you to Gareth Pugh for work on WW1 commemoration and all involved in event.

3. Update from the Village Hall Committee –

NOTED: Past year very busy, as hall provides focal point for parish events and excellent space for hire. Hall run by charity with 13 committee members, who work to provide opportunities for residents of Brilley and Michaelchurch parishes, local hirers, outside hirers and social nights. Large annual events such as the Summer Fête, Harvest Supper and Christmas Party well established and mark seasons in this rural agricultural community. Work in partnership with Parish Council and PCC. Small scale events such as social nights and coffee morning well attended and help combat isolation within community. Recently received long service award from Arts Alive for 20 years supporting scheme for films, music, drama and comedy at the hall. Running costs largely met from regular hiring income. Fundraising helps for bigger projects. 2019 – new projection equipment, more energy efficient lighting in main hall, re-fencing and tidying up entrance to car park. Committee grateful for support from Parish Council for upkeep of village green, appointed Nick James of Winforton for this year.

Current chair and secretary step down in July, essential that people take part and take responsibility for this community resource.

Joseph Kendrick, Secretary to Brilley and Michaelchurch Village Hall Committee.

4. Public Forum –

NOTED: Communications poor, slow broadband, minimal mobile network – can anything be done? Gigaclear of rollout of broadband likely next year, Cllr Chapman look into options for mobile improvement.

Thanks to Parish Council for its hard work.

This meeting was declared closed at 19.20.

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(Chair)

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