

Annual Parish meeting for

BURGHILL & TILLINGTON

Held on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 7.00pm in the Simpson Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mark Ellis (ME) Chairman, Alan Stokes (Vice-Chairman), Janette Pudsey (JP), Simon Hairsnape (SH), Dilys Price (DP), Anthony Vaughan (AV), Sally Ware (SW), Beryl Staite (BS), Ian Watkins (IW), Pat Groves (PG) and Sally Robertson (SR)

In Attendance: Paulette Scholes, Parish Clerk, Pauline Crockett, (PC) Herefordshire Council Ward Member and 1 members of the public

- The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting, held on 10th May 2017, were accepted and signed by chairman of Parish Council, Mark Ellis. (proposed by Sally Ware and seconded by Janette Pudsey)
- A report from Chairman of the Parish Council read by Mark Ellis (attached).
- A report from Burghill Charity and CW Preece Trust: The Burghill Charity and CW Preece Trust meet to support local good causes for the benefit of both the young and the old. There are currently 5 trustees: Reverend Penny Littlewood (Chair) (Trustee), Enid Davies (Trustee), David Apperley (Trustee), Vera Hodges (Trustee) and Dilys Price (Trustee). During the financial year 2017/18 two donations were made to Muddy Boots, it was agreed to fund them £200.00 to be taken from Burghill Charity NS&I account, which leaves a balance of £252.81 and to the Burghill Good Neighbour Scheme it was agreed to fund them £300.00 to be taken from Charles William Preece Trust NS&I account, which leaves a balance of £423.95.
- Issues raised by parishioners – none

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

Chairman's Report for the AGM of Burghill Parish Council 8th May 2018

The last 12 months have again been extremely busy for the parish council with meetings monthly and a number of planning applications to consider as well as the evolving Neighbourhood development plan.

We now have a credible and robust NDP at regulation 16, the plan will be a huge benefit to our parish in the coming years, the inevitable downside is that we have had continued criticism and complaints from a minority of parishioners, but I still think the community is better placed with a development plan than without one.

I would like to thank Pauline Crockett our ward councillor for her support of the Parish council and for the work she does on the behalf of our community

I would like to thank David Warren who recently resigned for his work and support and we are fortunate to have elected one new parish councillor, Anthony Vaughan who's help with planning matters is invaluable.

Our parish councillors all give their time freely and also represent the community on sub committees and many other local projects, examples are, The Copse Trust, The Simpson Hall, The Commons working group, The footpaths officer, The Emergency co-ordinator, The finance working group, and the Tree warden.

We also note the work by the Burghill in Bloom team and the litter pick work done by the community.

So I would like to thank each and every one of the Parish councillors for their support and commitment.

Our parish Clerk, Paulette Scholes is a great asset to the PC, she is disciplined and organised and has been a real support to me and has improved the communication and systems and checks we need as a PC.

Thanks also to Sally Robertson for her work on the website.

I have found the last 4 years of my Chairmanship very challenging, the NDP being a particularly contentious project at times, I have tried to be fair and consistent, to bring some humour as well as discipline to the role, I now feel it is time to elect a new Chair to bring fresh enthusiasm and energy to the role.

So in summary, thank you to you all for your time, effort and commitment, Burghill, Tillington and the surrounding area is a wonderful place to live and enjoy and hopefully in a small way we have all made a difference.

With my best wishes,

Mark