

**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting of BOBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on
Wednesday 19 May 2021 at Bobbington Village Hall at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. L Jones (Chairman)
District and County Councillor Mrs V Wilson
Councillors: Mrs. I Rees, Mrs. J Stanton, M Snelson, A Burton, S Hadgett, M Slater
Victoria Morris (Clerk to the Council)

1853. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies for non-attendance.

1854. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

1855. MINUTES:

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting had previously been approved and signed.

1856. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Report attached.

1857. CORBETT SCHOOL REPORT

It has been a challenging year for the school. The pandemic resulted in the school being shut to all but keyworker children. Teachers set work to be completed at home and remained in touch with families, in line with national policy. During the Summer term, some children were able to return to school with various covid restrictions in place, the rest received some form of online tuition and remained at home.

In September schools returned, however, covid safe measures were put in place for the protection of all. Class bubbles were implemented, as were staggered start and finish times. Further lockdown restrictions in January saw children return to home schooling. Face to face learning was resumed in March, whilst there have been a number of burst bubbles, everyone has settled back in very well.

A recent newsletter to parents made reference to speeding vehicles and parking issues. Mrs. Crook has reminded parents not to speed outside the school.

Children will be taking part in a litter pick around Bobbington in the coming weeks.

1858. VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr. Mrs Stanton reported that due to the pandemic the village hall committee have been unable to meet up until now. An annual Charity return was made to the Charity Commission but this contained accounting information only.

It is hoped the AGM will be held in June 2021.

1859. HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Mrs Hill Humphries supplied the following report:

In common with everyone, because of Covid 19, this has been a strange year or so for the village church with many adjustments being made or closing altogether for several months at a time.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April, Alan Bill stood down as Churchwarden and the vicar, Revd. Richard Fisher, thanked him, and also everyone for their support during the past very challenging year or more. Since Easter Sunday in April services have resumed again at 11.15 a.m.

Richard did say he would like to invite Parish Councillors to join in especially on the 2nd Sunday of each month, at the All-Age Service lasting 40 minutes. He is very keen to come and meet with you all too, and asked when he could come? We need to have a Stewardship programme in September, including villagers, as church finances need improving to put it mildly!

Weddings and Christenings are starting again, the first wedding was about three weeks ago. A warm welcome will be given to anyone wishing to get married or have their child christened at Holy Cross.

1860. WOLVERHAMPTON HALFPENNY GREEN AIRPORT REPORT

Report attached

1861. TREE WARDEN REPORT

The main activity during the last year relates to the replacement oak tree in Brantley Lane. Whilst the tree was planted, we were subsequently informed that the position was not in line with the planning condition imposed. In addition, the leader was broken during the early months. This was secured by a cable tie and the tree continues to grow. Due to the national lockdown restrictions the tree has not yet been re-positioned and is now in leaf.

1862. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH REPORT

Due to the pandemic Community Speed Watch has not been active. The national initiative re-opened last week, however, Bobbington currently only have 4 volunteers.

1863. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING arranged for 18 May 2022.

The meeting was closed.