

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING

held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.45pm at Bobbington Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllr L. Jones, Cllr. J. Stanton, Cllr A. Burton, Cllr S. Hadgett, Cllr A. Perry, Cllr M. Slater

**Guests in Attendance:** None

**Public in Attendance:** None

**Minute Taker:** Kate Pritchard, clerk@bobbington.staffslc.gov.uk

**24/025. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr M. Snelson and Cllr V. Wilson

**24/026. Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000:**

None

**24/027. Minutes of previous meeting:**

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023, having been circulated, be confirmed, and signed as a correct record.

**24/028. Reports from Chair and Councillors (for information only):** The Chairman report was noted.

**24/029. Corbett School Report:**

This time last year the school was under the Head leadership of Mr Craig, the interim Headmaster of the school following the resignation of Mr Pardoe. The new Head Mistress, Emma Jones joined the school in June 2023. Mrs Jones met with the Parish Council at the meeting in June and presented the Corbett School report personally. In July Year Sixes graduated to their new schools and Corbett welcomed a new influx of young students in the September. At the beginning of the year there were 74 students. The Playground setup changed and there is now only one entrance to the school and that's via Six Ashes Road. Students' education has included the stone age, Chang Dynasty and Childhood histories, archery and music, including young voices. The children also enjoyed their annual trip to the pantomime and really enjoyed it. The school had a target of raising £10,000 for a new library. The soft tarmac needs to be replaced after it was damaged, but this will be this year's project. Finally, the school experienced an OFSTED assessment in April, and this reflected the school was considered Good. The full report is available on their website. The year has seen a number of teachers go and new ones replacing them.

**24/030.**

**Village Hall Report:**

The Corbett School continues to be the main hirer of the hall and efforts are being made to advertise the facilities locally. An advertising hoarding has been placed by the entrance to the school to actively encourage additional hirers.

The fabric and maintenance of the hall is in good order. However, as previously noted the drainage system needs attendance and repair.

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The AGM will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**24/031. Holy Cross Church Report:**

The church is grateful for support for maintenance of the churchyard. The plants are flourishing. Internal walls are discoloured with mould, they require cleaning. External stonework needs repair. Sunday services are held fortnightly. Low attendance is a concern for the future.

**24/032. Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport Report:**

The Committee are due to meet W/C 20/05/24

**24/033. Enville Trustees Report:**

The committee met on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 for the Annual Meeting. Grants were given to all those that applied. Most qualify for being from Enville, Kinver and Bobbington and currently studying at university. The grants totalled £1750 per person and a total of 14 grants were given. The investments which enable these grants remain stable, with both growth of the fund a priority whilst generating sufficient income to deliver the grants.

**24/034. Tree Warden Report:**

No new tree preservation orders. One previously refused and one is outstanding.

**24/035. Community Speed Watch Report:**

The community Speed watch ended last year with 6 members. Unfortunately there has been no activity over the last 12 months. I have communicated with the members to try and rally the troops but only 3 have engaged. Unfortunately one of them is not in a position to support the group at the moment due to ongoing work commitments. The enthusiasm over the last few years has dwindled and the remaining operatives are having little to no impact on reducing the speed in the village as our exposure is too sporadic. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members of the community who have supported the programme over the years.

**24/036. Police Report:**

None

**24/037. Health & Wellbeing report:**

Cllr S. Hadgett advised the 'Everyone Health' initiative which ran in Spring and Summer 2023 was very successful. Following our coffee morning in the village hall, the mobile unit continued to make visits to the village during the summer, using the Red Lion car park as its base. Around 280 people were seen from the area during this time.

During the next twelve months, it is hoped to access funding through 'Better Health Staffordshire' to help reduce loneliness and social isolation and promote healthy ageing.

**24/038. Civic Award 2023-24:**

Cllr L. Jones nominated Jane Tudor and seconder Cllr S. Hadgett. Clerk to invite Jane to the Parish Council meeting in July. **Action: Clerk**

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**24/039. Any Other Business:**

None

**24/040. Date, time & venue of next Annual Assembly of the Parish meetings for 2025/26.**

It was RESOLVED to accept the next annual assembly of the parish on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 07:45pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:00.

Date ..... Signed .....

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