

ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Adderley Parish
held virtually, using Zoom Webinar interactive means,
in line with current legislation during the Coronavirus Pandemic.
on Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 7.30 pm

- 1. Welcome:** Cllr Coulon welcomed everyone to the webinar.
- 2. Agreement of the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on 24th April 2019** – Cllr Coulon reminded everyone that these draft minutes had been on the Adderley Parish website since the meeting and everyone present agreed that they were a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.
- 3. Update of the A529 Project** - Paul Savill of WSP, Highways Consultants to Shropshire Council, gave a very informative presentation on work due to be undertaken by Shropshire Highways within Adderley Parish under the A529 improvement project. Mr Savill went on to explain the types of traffic calming measures that could be used through Adderley village and the necessary street lighting that would be required. The idea of traffic calming is as a result of continuous requests from residents which was taken forward by the Speed Concerns Group.
- 4. Update from the Speed Concerns Group** – Cllr Iain Wilson gave a presentation which showed the data collated from the Parish Council's Speed Recording Device which has been positioned in various locations around the village over the past two years and also some data from the Police's mobile speed detection unit. Following on from the previous presentation Mr Wilson explained the need to get a feeling from the residents of the desire for the traffic calming scheme, and its associated street lighting, and this may be in the form of a questionnaire.
- 5. Update from Three Parish Plan** – Cllr Nash gave a presentation explaining what had been achieved so far with regard to the Three Parish Neighbourhood Plan, which is being made along with Moreton Say and Norton in Hales Parishes. Cllr Nash explained that quotes had now been received for the second phase of the work and a grant application was being made to Locality to pay for this work. Cllr Nash was hopeful that the final stages of the plan could be achievable by the end of this year but he encouraged all those attending this meeting to have a look at the dedicated website for this initiative, threeparishplan.org, which detailed all the documentation and notes from the steering group meetings.
- 6. Update on Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – Cllr Cornwall explained how the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme worked, via email and whatsapp communication, for the current 43 members. Cllr Cornwall advised the meeting of some of the issues dealt with over the last few years, both good and bad, and also highlighted the new signage that the Parish Council had recently purchased and displayed around the Parish promoting the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. As she will shortly be moving from the Parish Cllr Cornwall concluded by asking for a volunteer to take over coordinating this scheme.
- 7. SmartWater** – Cllr Coulon explained that as each property in the Parish had now received their SmartWater pack, already registered with their property details, it was very important for residents not only to put SmartWater on their valuables but also display the window stickers in prominent windows to show this. Cllr Coulon went on to advise that signs were now being installed by the Police around the Parish and this acts as a further deterrent to prevent burglaries in the area.
- 8. Report from the Chairman – Cllr Coulon**
Firstly, I wish to thank all the Councillors, our Unitary Authority Councillor and especially our Parish Clerk, Jane, for all their hard work and their efforts during last year especially during this horrendous pandemic. We have had a number of successes and also a number of issues to resolve on behalf of the Parishioners by whom we are elected.

During the year we have given financial grants to St Peter's Church for the upkeep of the Grave-Yard and a grant to the Village Bowling Club, to have their hedge cut. We paid for the Village Christmas Tree last year and the village Christmas lights.

We continue to be responsible for the upkeep of the Children's Play-Ground, which will again, we hope, be heavily used this summer. We also continue to maintain and service the Village Defibrillator at the Village Hall, replacing the batteries and "Paddles" as and when required. We are also responsible for the upkeep of the Village "Bus Stop".

As was requested by members of the Parish to help avoid further accidents with pedestrians walking from the Village Hall to St Peter's Church, we have now been able to install signs from the Hall to both the Canal and the Church along with a Village information board.

Our ongoing work has included continuing with the Village Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, thanks to Cllr Cornwall and also the very successful ongoing production of the Three Parish's Neighbourhood Plan, with thanks to Cllr Nash.

We have signed up to and paid for The SmartWater campaign and all homes in the Parish should now have had their packs so they can mark their possessions, so if stolen the police will have their "DNA" on record for return to them.

We have had an input into and tried as hard as we can through our "Road Improvement" Sub-Committee to influence the changes that will be happening on the A529, as you have just heard, my thanks to Cllrs Wilson, Cornwall and Swindale the members of that sub-committee for all their work.

Cllr Mycock has been busy trying to establish better Mobile Signal within the Parish and we have succeeded in getting the Diocese to agree to a mast in the Church Tower, we now have to find a supplier, which has not been easy so far.

We have also completed our normal and statutory business of maintaining a watch on the highways and byways of the village, ensuring the street lights work, indeed we have now changed all of the street lights we have responsibility for (all but Meadow Bank) from the old system to an LED system which is both more environmentally friendly and cheaper to run.

We have approved or objected to planning applications and maintain a working relationship with all Shropshire Councils sub-groups, NALC and SALC as well as sitting on the Helicopter Noise Committee at RAF Shawbury.

This alongside keeping the village tidy with hedges and grass cutting, gutter spraying with weed killing and sand/grit boxes being maintained and kept full.

We also provide the Parish Welcome Packs which we send to every new householder of the Parish when they arrive.

Overall a busy year with a number of successes for which I thank all the Councillors who have been responsible for them, and for giving up their spare time with no remuneration or expenses.

I would like to give special thanks to Cllr's Cornwall and Mycote who are standing down this year, their work for the council has been greatly appreciated and they will be missed.

These last twelve months or so have also been a busy time for others in our Parish too, and we would like to pay tribute to those unsung heroes that have "stood up" during the pandemic. Parishioners have given of their time to help the older inhabitants and those shielding by doing their shopping, buying the papers or organising a weekly meat supply, which is really appreciated.

We have seen the creation of the Book Exchange at the Parish Council's Bus shelter. We had a great Scarecrow Trail last year, a wonderful Christmas lights 'switch-on' as well as a painted Easter Stone trail more recently. All these activities are enjoyed and greatly appreciated by the residents taking part and our thanks go out to those who give their time and energy to organise them. A special thanks to Barry Hales who supplies and maintains all the lovely flowers around the village, these are always greatly appreciated and admired make the village much more colourful.

If I have missed anyone in particular, I am sorry.

As we move into the next "Parish" year we will be short of two Cllr's so if anyone is interested in being co-opted onto the Parish Council, please let Jane, our clerk, know.

Thank you.

9. Shropshire Council Report, Prees Ward – Cllr Wynn

As this year there will be elections for the Unitary Councillors and we are now in the period of purdah, prior to that election, Cllr Wynn thought it wise not to give a report at this time and sent his apologies to the meeting.

10. Public Session

There were 8 attendees to the webinar including 3 Parish Councillors and during the various presentation questions had been typed into the Q & A facility of the webinar. These questions were reviewed and if the Parish Councillors could answer them this was done but some will need to be referred back to various outside bodies and the responses reported back to the next Parish Council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.50 pm

Proposed and accepted as a true record at the meeting dated 21st April 2021

Signed by the Chairman

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