

ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Adderley Parish

Held at Adderley Village Hall

on Wednesday 13th April 2022, starting at 7.30 pm

1. Welcome: Cllr Coulon welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

2. Chairman's Report – 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 the past year especially during the 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 further grant to the "Nice Place to Live" group 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/Village library".

As was requested by members of the Parish we have arranged and paid for two new Benches to be placed on the two village "Greens".

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

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 will hear, my thanks to Cllrs Wilson and Swindale the members of that sub-committee for all their work.

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, another 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.

As we move into the next "Parish" year which we hope will be "a return to normality" we will strive to continue with our statutory duties as well as look at ways to improve our Parish and its infrastructure.

3. Agreement of the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on 21st April 2021 – Clerk to the Council

Mrs Evans 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.

4. Matters Arising from the last meeting (not on the agenda) – Clerk to the Council

Mrs Evans explained that the only item under this agenda point was the completion of the We Don't Buy Crime (Smart Water) initiative, all the kits had been delivered and there were now signs on all the approaches to the Parish.

5. Shropshire Council Report, Prees Ward – Cllr Wynn

In his report Cllr Wynn highlighted the following:

- Over 25,000 potholes have been repaired over the last financial year, with over 90% of these being permanent, first-time repairs.
- Shropshire Council are working with Whitchurch Driving Test Centre, local members and driving instructors to find a new home for a test centre, which will be good for North Shropshire.
- Shropshire Council's Children Services Department has recently been rated 'good' by Ofsted.
- To prevent harm to wildlife and livestock and reduce risk of accidental fires and littering, Shropshire Council has decided to ban all releases of sky lanterns and balloons on its property and are asking the Government to consider a nationwide ban on all releases.
- People who registered for a third wheelie bin, to replace the black recycling boxes, will begin receiving them in May, with the whole county being covered within a couple of months. People can still order a replacement wheelie bin but new orders will not be delivered until after the current 70,000 + have been delivered.
- Shropshire Council have invested £59m into road maintenance over the next 4 years.
- The first properties built by Shropshire Council House Building Company have been completed and all sales have been to Shropshire residents or people with a connection to Shropshire.

6. Update from the Speed Concerns Group and regarding the A529 Project – Cllr Wilson

Cllr Iain Wilson started his presentation by sharing some data from the vehicle speed device, which had been situated on the A529 opposite the entrance to the Village Hall car park for the last three months. The data showed that 77055 vehicles had passed through the village in the 13 weeks to 13th April with an average speed of 28.86 miles per hour. The maximum recorded speed was 80 miles per hour which was at 12.25 on 23rd March. Peak vehicle flows were 7 am and 5 pm with the average speed of vehicles doing over the 30 mile per hour limit being 34.65 miles per hour.

Cllr Wilson advised that the Parish Council is continuing to liaise with WSP regarding any speed calming measures that may be introduced through the village and he read out the following statement from them: *We are progressing the preliminary design including traffic calming proposals and street lighting requirements in 3 sections as previously discussed. Being*

Section 1: St Peter's Church to Rectory Lane

Section 2: Rectory Lane to Green Bank

Section 3: Green Bank to the School / Speed limit signs

We have also included Shropshire's school 20mph speed limit proposals engaging with Shropshire Highways and the officer responsible for the 20mph study to coordinate these elements. This also needs further consultation with West Mercia Police before we offer a proposal for wider consultation including the Parish Council. This consultation is to be for three weeks if it is to include speed limit changes. We hope that this will start in May.

Cllr Wilson went on to update the meeting on the temporary traffic lights situated at the crash site between Adderley and Audlem. He assured everyone that this topic is discussed at each Parish Council meeting, and regular updates are requested from Shropshire Highways. He explained that it is a complex and sensitive issue which unfortunately he was unable to give a great deal of detail about as it is in a legal process with Shropshire Council. The last information available said that it has been escalated and some progress has been made within the council but there are now estimates of timescales available.

7. Update from Three Parish Plan – Cllr Nash

Cllr Nash updated everyone regarding what had been achieved so far to complete the Three Parish Neighbourhood Plan, which is being made along with Moreton Say and Norton in Hales Parishes. Cllr Nash explained that the steering group was reviewing the drafts of the full Neighbourhood Plan, some 50+ pages, and also a summary document, about 12 pages. Once the wording is agreed the summary document will be used as a Consultation Document and sent to all residential properties within the three parishes. It is hoped that this consultation will be on door mats next month and Cllr Nash urged everyone to have a read through, referring to the full Neighbourhood Plan if they wish, and make comments. A copy of the full plan will be available on-line via the dedicated website, threeparishplan.org, and also in the Village Hall and the Bus



Shelter Book Exchange. Cllr Nash explained that it was very important that people gave their comments in this consultation because if this Neighbourhood Plan is eventually adopted then it will shape the future development in the parish for the next 15 years.

8. Update on Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Cllr Evans – read by Cllr Coulon

Adderley Parish have been registered with the National Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for many years. Specifically, we have been members of the North Shropshire Neighbourhood and Farm Watch Scheme, however, this group was disbanded in February 2022 due to lack of participants and members willing to take key roles within the scheme. Adderley Parish still retain their membership of the National Scheme. Cllr Nick Evans took over the role of Scheme Co-ordinator last year upon the resignation of Cllr Catrina Cornwall, who ran the scheme for over 5 years. Nick continues to receive regular communications from the Neighbourhood Alert scheme, via email, regarding West Mercia Policing strategies and events plus warnings of local crimes within the North Shropshire area. When received this information is checked and if relevant to Adderley Parish and its residents it is forwarded to the Parish Council and where appropriate posted on the Village website. As part of her past duties Catrina Cornwall set up a WhatsApp group of local people within the Adderley Parish Area in 2018, there are over 20 participants who regularly communicate suspicious activities, burglaries, road traffic incidents and any issues local residents may wish to be made aware of, such as lost dogs, loose cattle etc. Upon receipt of this information, it is sometimes regarded as relevant to post on the Village website. Should anyone wish to be added to the NHW WhatsApp group please email nick.evans@adderleyparish.co.uk who will be happy to welcome you to the group (usual WhatsApp rules apply). Moving forward Cllr Evans is in the process of establishing an Adderley Parish Neighbourhood internet account/site that will enable Parish based issues to be discussed and events organised, you will all receive email and postal notification asking whether participation is sought as the project is further developed.

9. The Heritage Project - Cllr Nash

Cllr Nash explained that this project had started from a meeting last Summer with Mr Butter, a former Adderley Resident, who has an incredible amount of archive matter relating to the history of Adderley from 1066 – 1996. After various meeting over the following months this project has been taken forward as an unincorporated company and has a temporary committee and a bank account. Cllr Nash also been completing a very lengthy application to the Heritage Lottery for a grant to enable all the items in the archive collection to be digitalised and put on a dedicated website for everyone to have a look at along with a Heritage Trail around the village with interpretation boards. Meetings were being held with both Adderley School, Keele University and Shropshire Archives to discuss their respective involvements in the project. Cllr Nash went on to advise that the recent Adderley Heritage Treasure Trail event had been very successful with 30 people attending the event, and 15 responding online, he was very pleased that more people were now getting involved in this project and encouraged everyone to think about how this project could bring the heritage and history of the area to life and also record our history now for future generations.

10. Jubilee Celebrations – Cllr Dowley

Cllr Dowley explained that as the Queen's Jubilee weekend has been confirmed for Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June, and with celebrations happening all over the country, Adderley will be no exception and already we have a number of special events lined up for you to enjoy.

In the morning on Friday 3rd June there will be a Community Big Breakfast in the Village Hall. The perfect way to start the day when you are on holiday. For a small charge to cover costs there will be a Full English, (with veggie/vegan options) it should be a real treat and booking details will be on the parish website.

The Parish Council is also excited to be able to tell you that we are hoping to offer a limited number of fruit trees free to anyone who lives in the Parish of Adderley in support of the Queen's Green Canopy campaign. The trees will be distributed at The BIG BREAKFAST on Friday 3rd June. So have a think, can you find a place for a fruit tree in your garden? We will be asking for numbers closer to the date; first come, first served Saturday 4th June – There will be a Party on the Green at 4.00pm, with details to be confirmed by the Village Hall. We are promised entertainment, Crazy Bowls, a bar, a barbecue and a Bring and Share desserts table. Tables and chairs to be provided and we will either be in the hall or out in the sunshine, depending on our glorious British weather.

The Parish Council are also looking at purchasing some new planters for key areas around the village and donating some trees to the village school.

11. Children's Playground Report – Cllr Shepley

Cllr Shepley introduced himself as the Councillor now responsible for regularly checking the playground equipment and reporting any issues to the Parish Council along with the annual ROSPA inspection which was carried out in June. He advised that currently there were no issues with any of the play equipment although the fence needs some repairing and this would be undertaken shortly.

12. Public Session

There were 28 members of the public at the Parish Meeting. A member of the public asked if it would be possible to repaint the equipment and Cllr Shepley agreed that the Parish Council would look into doing this. Another member of the public asked if it were possible to limit the noise of children using the playground as sometimes it was very loud, with a lot of screaming, especially when an event was on at the Village Hall. Although it was generally agreed that this would be a hard thing to do, the Parish Council agreed to look into perhaps getting a further sign and Cllr Downey, also on the Village Hall Committee, agreed to mention this at their next 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 13th April 2022

Signed by the Chairman

