## ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Adderley meeting held at The Village Hall, Adderley on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors M Coulon, A Swindale, S Paterson, P Nash, C Cornwall, I Wilson, K Mycock, Unitary Councillor P Wynn and Mrs J Evans (Clerk).

1. Welcome: Cllr Coulon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies: None

3. Public Session: There were no members of the public present

## 4. Report from the Chairman - Cllr Coulon

Firstly I wish to thank all the Councillors, our Unitary Authority Councillor and especially our Parish Clerk for all their work and efforts during last year.

We have had a number of successes and also a number of issues to resolve on behalf of the Parishioners to whom we are responsible.

During the year we have also given grants to St Peters Church for the upkeep of the Cemetery, a grant to the Village Bowls club for refurbishment of their green and a grant to the Village School for new outdoor tables and benches. The Village Hall was also granted funds for the purchase of a new Commercial Dish Washer We continue to be responsible for the upkeep of the Children's Play Ground, this is now being heavily used since its reopening and refurbishment.

During the Queens 90th Year we also purchased and distributed to all under18's a Commemorative Coin.

Our ongoing work has included taking on the Village Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, thanks to Cllr Cornwall and also the very successful start to our Tri-Parish Neighbourhood Plan, with thanks to Cllr Nash

We thank Cllr's Roach and Tydeman as they stand down this year and welcome new Cllrs Wilson and Mycock to the council.

We have also completed our normal and statutory business of maintaining a watch on the highways and byways of the village, ensuring the lights work, approving or objecting to planning applications and maintaining a working relationship with all Shropshire Councils sub-groups, NALC and SALC, alongside keeping the village tidy with hedge and grass cutting, sand/grit boxes.

Overall we have had a busy year with a number of successes for which I thank all the Councillors who have been responsible.

## 5. Shropshire Council Report, Prees Ward - Cllr Wynn

Firstly I would like to thank you for voting for me and I am privileged and honoured to represent this area again.

It was good to get Broadband up and running.

There has been has been Unitary and Town & Parish Council elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May to re-elect members for the next four years.

Younger Councillors have been elected and will bring in some new blood.

There has been an increase in the minority from 46 to 49 Conservative Councillors to 49.

Hard decisions have had to be made with cuts meaning staff redundancies and still keeping a reasonable level of service going and we are hoping to carry on giving a good service.

There are still more cuts to come.

There have been whispers and texts flying around for different positions in the Council which will all be decided on 15<sup>th</sup> May including the Leader.

Recycling has now changed and you do not have to take your cardboard to the tip.

I personally hope to be on the Planning Committee and you never know I might even be Chair – so watch this space.

Finally, I look forward to working with you in the next four years.

## 6. Village Hall Report - Cllr Coulon

2017 has been a very successful year for the Village Hall and all its' associated clubs.

I would wish to publically thank all those who have in any way helped with this success this year, be they the Main Hall Committee (and especially Geryl our Treasurer and Carol our Secretary along with Phil the Bookings Secretary), The Social Committee members, The Bowling Club members and the Village Hall Bar Limited Directors.

Overall the Village Hall has made a profit of some £13,000 this year thanks to the Bar Profits, the activities of the Social Committee and the Bowling Club.

The Village Hall has continued its maintenance programme and the fabric of the hall remains in good order and is now being used far more often than before, both by our own activities and by outside users (parties, funerals, Theatres etc).

The activities run by the Social Committee, all of which have been great fun, raised over the agreed amount of £3,000 an outstanding effort and they have increased the bar footfall and hence the profits as well, a big thank you to all those who helped with these events which I certainly enjoyed.

The Bowling Club had many successes during the year with all the teams doing well and far more importantly the players and Club members having fun. The green I am told is in excellent condition thanks to the Greens Committee and the pavilion has had a massive face lift thanks to Derek Cox. The have also ended the year with a reasonable profit.

Snooker is on the increase with the snooker room being used now most evenings and more people coming to use the facilities. It is hoped to encourage darts players as well as Pool Players to join us during this year.

The greatest success has been the Bar, which has raised the majority of our funds this year and this has been due to the use of Volunteer Barmen, an increase in functions and a change in our astute buying policy, this all due to the hard work of the Limited Company Directors.

I would also like to pay tribute to Dawn Evans our Cleaner who keeps to hall clean and shiny and puts far more hours than we can pay her for and to Barry Hales for the lovely floral displays around the village.

I would be remiss not to mention the other activities that happen at the hall and which all contribute its success. These are The Whist Drives run every other week by Alan and Rob, The Quizzes run during the winter months by Phil (who also takes all our bookings), The coffee Mornings and of course the regular Monday Mexican Dominoes, now an established activity.

All the activities help this to be a vibrant and successful hall and I thank everyone for their support an input to its continued success.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7.40 pm

Proposed and accepted as a true record at the meeting dated 10th May 2017

Signed by the Chairman