

HEYWOOD PARISH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held at 7.00 pm on Monday 13 May 2019
at Heywood and Hawkeridge Village Hall

Present: Chairman of meeting: Cllr J Masson
Parishioners: Cllr DE Lock, Cllr T Griffin, Cllr S Heron, Cllr K Youngs, Ms C Butcher
Others: R Culverhouse

1. Chairman's report: the report by Cllr J Masson is attached as an annex to these minutes and will be published on noticeboards and on the website.
2. Apologies for absence: none.
3. The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 14 May 2018, were read out by the Parish Clerk and approved by those present.
4. Finance report:
The accounts and Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year 2018/19 will be presented for approval at the Annual Parish Council meeting later this same evening. The council's finances again show a small excess of income over expenditure, and the balances of grants received for Neighbourhood Plan expenditure and for the program of replacement of Parish noticeboards will be retained for use in the new financial year.
5. Other reports: no representatives present.
6. Public forum: no discussion.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 7:10 pm.

Signed: 03 June 2019

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Chairman's Report

I would like to thank the Councillors and parishioners for their advice and support over the past year.

In the year 1st May 2018 to 31 April 2019 we considered 11 planning applications. We objected to four of the applications and they were all refused by Wiltshire Council. One applicant, whose application was refused by Wiltshire Council, subsequently appealed against the decision and the Planning Inspector has upheld Wiltshire Council's refusal.

During the past year the Parish Council has launched a programme to replace the existing Parish notice boards, most of which have reached the end of their serviceable lives, and as part of that programme the boards on Dursley Road and at the Post Office/Shop on The Ham were renewed. The replacement was partly funded by grants from the Westbury Area Board. An additional notice board, shared with Hawkeridge and Heywood Village Hall, has recently been fitted outside the village hall.

A new dog poo bin has been installed at Hawkeridge Park to replace the previous one which was damaged beyond repair and the Parish Council is grateful for our Unitary Councillor Jerry Wickham's assistance in persuading Wiltshire Council to provide the new bin.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group continues its work in preparing the draft plan for the Parish. Two public meetings were held in June 2018, one at Club Ice and the other at Heywood and Hawkeridge Village Hall, to raise awareness of the proposed Plan and residents and people who work in the Parish were invited to attend and have the opportunity to have their say as to how they wanted the Parish to develop. In February of this year Wiltshire Council carried out a Parish Rural Housing Needs Survey on behalf of the Parish Council and the results will be incorporated into the Plan. We are also seeking the views of all Employers in the Parish on how the Parish should develop and will be sending out a questionnaire to them in the near future.

I am pleased to report that our finances continue to be in good order. The Parish precept remains one of the lowest in West Wiltshire and we have again made a number of contributions to local charities.

Finally, on behalf of the all the Parish Councillors, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Parish Clerk, Ann Bizeray who is leaving us in the near future, for all the work and support she has given while she has been with us.

John Masson
Chairman