

RINGSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Ringshall Village Hall on Tuesday 30th May 2017 at
7.00pm

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th May 2016

The minutes were approved and duly signed and dated by the Chairman.

2. To consider matters arising from the Minutes

There were none

3. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2016/17

Mrs Free reported on the adoption of the Community Emergency Plan and gave thanks to David Kemp and his team for their work as well as the installation of the defibrillator at the village hall. Mrs Free mentioned the retirement of Cllr Julia Truelove and welcomed the new County Councillor Anne Whybrow to the meeting. The Chairman gave thanks to Liz Hitchcock for organising a very successful litter pick and also paid tribute to the village hall management committee for their hard work in running the village hall so successfully. The report concluded by thanking everyone on the Parish Council and the Clerk for their support throughout the past year.

4. To receive a financial statement for the year 2016/17

The Responsible Financial Officer circulated a financial statement showing income of £6614.00, expenditure of £7807.07, resulting in a balance taken forward of £8494.82. There were no questions regarding the financial statement.

5. To receive a report from the representative member of MSDC for 2016/17

District Councillor Whybrow was presented as a Top Ten Achievements: recycling, new council homes, funding for community-led housing, green energy income, opportunities for businesses, reducing the number of empty homes, the reduction in avoidable convictions, empowering communities to bring forward Neighbourhood Plans, keeping the electorate well-informed and providing grants to community groups. Cllr Whybrow concluded his report by giving credit to councillors for giving their time and support to the village.

At this point the newly-elected county councillor, Anne Whybrow, explained the reasons why Mrs Truelove was unable to give a report. Mrs Whybrow gave thanks to Mrs Truelove for all her hard work during her tenure.

6. To receive a report from the Village Hall Management Committee

The report was read by David Kemp on behalf of the VHMC and gave names of the present committee and details of the various clubs which continue to support the hall financially. The report continued with a resume of the events that had taken place during the past year but various changes have been made due to the lack of support for social events arranged by the management committee. The report concluded by thanking local individuals whose help has been invaluable in maintaining the hall to such a high standard. Thanks were also given to the Parish Council for its continuing financial support.

7. To receive a report from Ringshall School

Mr Ian Page, Interim Head of Ringshall School attended the meeting and reported on a difficult two years since the previous Head, Monica Gibbs' absences due to illness and subsequent departure. The person appointed as a replacement did not report for work as expected and soon after resigned. A

new Headteacher, Charlene Morgan, is due to start in September 2017. Ofsted have recently carried out an inspection the report from which celebrated how staff have worked hard to give the best possible provision to the children but which also highlighted several areas where improvements must be made. Mr Page encouraged local residents to give support and help to the school and asked anyone interested to contact the school direct. Mr Page voiced his concern regarding speeding traffic along Lower Farm Road and suggested traffic calming measures would be useful and he also asked for a meeting with the Community Emergency Plan committee with regard to arranging a site evacuation drill from the school to the hall. Mr Page concluded his report by advising that there would be 122 children on roll in September.

8. To receive a report from St Catherine's Church

The report was read out by the Clerk on behalf of the PCC which included details of the new priest in charge, members of the PCC and the numbers on the electoral roll for 2016. Details of various fund-raising events were provided together with information on special services that had been held throughout the year.

9. To consider resolutions submitted in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

There were none.

To discuss matters of interest to residents of Ringshall for future submission to the Parish Council

Traffic calming measures as mentioned by Mr Ian Page.

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council ask residents what they want from the Parish Council. Both of these items will be included in the agendas for July.

Meeting