

ANNUAL MEETING, THURSDAY 16th MAY 2019

AGENDA

PRESENT: Mrs Shirley Barnett (to open the meeting as retiring Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Sarah Plater, Matt Crompton and Steve Jenkinson and Clerk Alison James

1. Local election results and appointment of new councillors

The election was uncontested and the 5 candidates nominated were duly elected. These were the 3 councillors in attendance plus Mrs Emma Godwin and Noel Talbot.

2. Declarations of Acceptance of Office by councillors

Declarations had been completed and signed by councillors and Clerk as Proper Officer, with the exception of Noel Talbot who was on holiday. **Clerk** would contact him on his return to ensure that his form was completed on or before the next parish council meeting.

3. Election of Chair

It was understood that Emma Godwin was prepared to stand as Chairman but, in her absence, she would need to be nominated at the next meeting. **Clerk** to note for next agenda. PC approved that Sarah Plater act as Chairman for the evening and she duly took over as chair.

4. Election of Vice Chair

It was thought that Noel Talbot may be prepared to stand as Vice Chairman and so this item would also need to be considered at the next meeting (**Clerk**).

5. Declarations of Acceptance of Office by Chair and Vice Chair

This was deferred to the next meeting (**Clerk**).

6. Declaration of Interests forms and Election Expenses forms

4 councillors had completed their election expense forms (all nil returns) and **Clerk** would ensure they were delivered to LDC before the legal deadline of 30th May. **Clerk** to contact Noel Talbot to ensure he returned his expenses form by the deadline too.

Clerk had been unable to firmly establish from written guidance if councillors needed to complete new Register of Interests forms or whether their existing forms could stand if unchanged. **Clerk** to ask LDC.

7. Appointments/Confirmation of Committee Members/Representatives

- a) Burial Ground Committee – Sarah Plater and Emma Godwin had recently said they were prepared to continue and this was approved. PC agreed that **Clerk** should ask 3 existing parishioner representatives if they were willing to continue.

- b) Parish Lands Trust – Clerk had received update from PLT Clerk confirming that Sue Pope and Tony Winter would continue as PC representatives for a new 4 year term.
- c) Village Hall Management Committee – PC approved Matt Crompton to continue.
- d) Staffordshire Parish Councils’ Association – PC had not had a representative in recent years since Paul Waring left the PC. Item deferred to next meeting (Clerk).

8. Calendar of meetings

The following dates were proposed and were agreed (though subject to change nearer the time):

13th June 2019

11th July 2019

No meeting in August 2019

12th September 2019

10th October 2019

14th November 2019

12th December 2019

Date to be agreed in December 2019 for Budget discussion meeting

9th January 2020

13th February 2020

12th March 2020

2nd April 2020 (N.B. 1st Thursday)

9th April 2019 (Maundy Thursday - Annual Assembly of the Parish)

14th May 2020 (including Annual Meeting)

9. Additional items of information

As Shirley Barnett needed to leave the meeting to attend another council meeting as Ward Councillor, she gave 2 updates.

Councils in the Birmingham area affected by HS2 have objected to the groundworks and the purchase of land and properties, given that Phase 2a has not yet been approved and has been put back to December. They have been lobbying and LDC have agreed to join their group.

Swinfen and Packington Parish Council heard from HS2 representatives at a recent council meeting and would be sending information to the Clerk.