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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Church Aston Parish Council

Held at the Church Hall, Church Aston at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 8th May 2018

Present: Cllr Simon Stacey (Chairman), Cllr Paul Evans (Vice Chairman), Cllr Billie Knight, Cllr John Pay, Cllr Fiona McKeown, and Cllr Mike Stansfield

Also in attendance: Mike Atherton: Clerk to CAPC

1	Apologies	Cllr Pat Sansom, Cllr Brian Richards, Cllr Marjorie Revill and borough Cllr Andrew Eade
2	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest
3	Chairman's Annual Report	<p>In his annual report Cllr Stacey reflected on how quickly the year had passed and on how busy the Parish Council had been in addressing local issues and delivering parish projects.</p> <p>Cllr Stacey thanked Cllr Richards and the Clerk for overseeing conversion of all street lighting to LED lamps with year-on-year revenue savings. He also highlighted the colourful planters and thanked Cllr McKeown for her ideas and efforts to improve the winter display.</p> <p>Cllr Stacey noted a well-coordinated early response from a number of colleagues to a proposed boundary review initiated by NTC. He commented that this would continue to provide a focus for 2018/19 and that a number of broader cooperative opportunities had already emerged from discussions with Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote PC.</p> <p>In addition to the boundary review Cllr Stacey highlighted a number of projects for 2018/19 including improvements to the Wallshead Way Play Area, support for improvements at the Village Hall, and continuing support to the community via the Community Grants Programme.</p> <p>An increasing dialogue with the local community thanks to social media was noted. Cllr Stacey expressed his thanks to borough Cllr Andrew Eade for past efforts and future support. And concluded by wishing all colleagues well for their coming year of office.</p>

4	Election of Chairman	<p>Cllr Evans (Vice Chairman) took the Chair for this item)</p> <p>Cllr Simon Stacey was proposed by Cllr Paul Evans, and seconded by Cllr Billie Knight. There were no other nominations. Members voted unanimously in favour of Cllr Stacey</p> <p>A 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' was completed, signed & witnessed</p>
5	Election of Vice-Chairman	<p>Cllr Paul Evans was proposed by Cllr Mike Stansfield and seconded by Cllr John Pay. There were no other nominations. Members voted unanimously in favour of Cllr Evans.</p> <p>A 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' was completed, signed & witnessed</p>
6	Register of Interests Form	<p>In light of the number of apologies it was agreed that the Clerk would electronically circulate the 'Register of Interests' forms which would be completed for the June meeting.</p>
7	Representatives Annual Reports	<p>Parish Magazine: Cllr Stacey commented that although there had only been 2 editions of the newsletter in the past year the new format had been well-received by the local community. It was also noted that both face-book and the web-site now provided additional opportunities for two-way communications.</p> <p>Village Hall Committee: Cllr Knight presented colleagues with the current weekly timetable of bookings to show the diversity of users and also a copy of the year-end income & expenditure accounts. Cllr Knight summarised an ongoing programme of improvements including provision of a new external store and internal redecorations. Recent issues concerning noise were noted. Cllr Knight suggested that members might wish to extend the principle of a worthy citizen award to include groups with the principle agreed by all present.</p> <p>Bus Users Group: Cllr Evans provided an overview from the quarterly BUG meetings for the past year. Key issues for the past year included an impending review of the 519 Newport to Shrewsbury service to re-assess its commercial viability, and a more recent review with suggested re-siting of a bus stop on the No. 5 service route from Wellington Road into Church Aston Road near to the Barnfields Close entrance.</p> <p>Newport Regeneration Partnership: Cllr Pay provided an overview of the priorities and work of the NRP. The main</p>

		<p>focus for the group had been delivery of a proposed Innovation & Enterprise Park which has not yet started on-site despite T&WC having funding in-place since March 2017. To date there had been no planning application made for development of the site and no marketing plan suggesting that this employment opportunity would continue to be delayed.</p> <p>Cllr Pay commented on the extensive influencing work that NRP had undertaken to shape the now approved Local Plan 2016-31, and specifically on their disappointment that T&WC were still pursuing site H13 (former Sainsbury site) for housing despite a direction otherwise from the Planning Inspector.</p> <p>T&WC: no report in the absence of borough Cllr Eade however the Chairman took the opportunity to thank Cllr Eade for his support & endeavours throughout 2017/18.</p>
8	Elect Members to Committees / Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Parish Newsletter: Cllr Simon Stacey ❖ Village Hall Committee: Cllr Billie Knight ❖ Bus User Group: Cllr Simon Stacey & Cllr Paul Evans ❖ NRP: Cllr John Pay ❖ T&WC: Cllr Andrew Eade <p>The above were proposed en-bloc by Cllr Simon Stacey and seconded by Cllr Paul Evans with a unanimous vote in favour of the nominations for 2018/19.</p>
9.	Adoption of Standing Orders & Financial Regulations	<p>Cllr Paul Evans proposed Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be adopted for 2018/19, this was seconded by Cllr John Pay with a unanimous vote in favour.</p>
10.	Accounts	<p>The Clerk provided a statement of account for the year to 31 March 2018 which aligned with a copy bank statement. This was noted and approved by Members.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a budget for 2018/19 for approval. This draft budget reflected ongoing dialogue from the December 2017 covering planned projects, contingencies, reserves & balances, the precept for 2018/19, and the Risk Register. Members discussed and agreed a minor change</p> <p>The budget 2018/19 was proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr McKeown, and unanimously approved.</p>

Date and time of next meeting during May 2019 is to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm
Signed Chairman:

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