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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Church Aston Parish Council

Held at Church Aston School, The Dale, Church Aston at 7.00 pm on Monday 11th May 2015

Present: Chairman Cllr Simon Stacey, Vice Chairman Cllr Paul Evans, Cllr Mike Stacey, Cllr Fiona McKeown, Cllr John Pay, Cllr Billie Knight, Cllr Mike Stansfield, Cllr Pat Sansom, and Cllr Brian Richards

Also in attendance: Mike Atherton: Clerk to CAPC, and one member of the public (Mr Phil Gillum, Village Hall Committee)

1	Apologies	Cllr Marjorie Revill (ill-health) & borough Cllr Andrew Eade
2	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest
3	Chairman's Annual Report	Cllr Simon Stacey expressed his appreciation for the support of fellow councillors, the clerk and Church Aston community throughout the past year. He continued by highlighting success of the parish projects initiative which had helped improve the village and its facilities. Cllr Stacey also summarised some of the more challenging issues during the year including several large & sensitive planning applications. He welcomed the 'new team' following the recent uncontested election, extended good wishes to colleagues individually, and offered his endorsement of the Council's work for the coming municipal year.
4	Election of Chairman	Cllr Paul Evans (Vice Chairman) took the Chair for this item) Cllr Simon Stacey was proposed by Cllr Brian Richards and seconded by Cllr Billie knight. There were no other nominations. The vote in favour of Cllr S. Stacey was unanimous A 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' was completed, signed & witnessed
5	Election of Vice-Chairman	Cllr Paul Evans was proposed by Cllr Mike Stacey and seconded by Cllr Pat Sansom. There were no other nominations. The vote in favour of Cllr Evans was unanimous.

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6	Register of Interests Form	Completed 'Register of Interests' forms were returned by Cllrs S Stacey, P Evans, B Knight, F McKeown, J Pay & P Sansom. Remaining Cllrs to complete and return by the June meeting.
7	Representatives Annual Reports	<p>Parish Magazine: Cllr Stacey reflected on the success of the Parish Newsletter during the past year, thanked colleagues for their contributions and shared his thoughts for the publication in the coming year. It is acknowledged that the Parish Newsletter is well-received and appreciated by Church Aston residents.</p> <p>Village Hall Committee: Cllr Knight summarised what has been a challenging year for the Village Hall Committee especially in light of recent issues concerning roof repairs. Nevertheless considerable improvements had taken place and the hall continues to be a very popular venue for local community groups and their activities Cllr Knight indicated that several grant schemes are being pursued to raise funds and, separately that Aldi had committed to re-surfacing the car park. Cllr Knight extended thanks to Cllr Mike Stansfield for his period as Chairman of the VHC, confirmed that Treasurer (Phil Gillum) is covering the vacant Chairman role, and indicated that the committee needs more members.</p> <p>Rural Forum: Cllr Evans confirmed that he had not been able to attend meetings of the Rural Forum during the past year. Cllr Evans continued by indicating that there was some confusion between the role of the Rural Forum and the Parish Monitoring Group which he was looking to clarify with a view to attending more regularly in the coming year.</p> <p>Bus Users Group: Cllr Richards summarised his attendance at 3 meetings of the Bus User Group confirming (i) a commitment to align timing of the 481 and 519 services; (ii) provision of a new bus station for Telford town centre; and (iii) retendering of local services currently operated by Arriva.</p> <p>Newport Regeneration Partnership / Shaping Places: Cllr Pay reported NRP includes diverse representation from 20 organisations, and NRP Chairman Cllr Eric Carter is driving forward the employment agenda, and that joint work with Harper Adams University promised the prospect of future Agri-Tech employment opportunities in Newport.</p> <p>Cllr Pay indicated that T&WC had not provided any form of response to an extensive consultation exercise on housing & employment land allocations which forms part of the</p>

		<p>Shaping Places process. The current revised timetable is for a draft strategy to be issued for consultation during June / July 2015.</p> <p>T&WC: no report (apologies received from borough Cllr Eade)</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 Brian Richards ❖ Rural Forum: Cllr Brian Richards ❖ Newport Regeneration Partnership: Cllr John Pay ❖ Shaping Places: Cllr John Pay ❖ T&WC: Cllr Andrew Eade <p>The above were proposed en-bloc by Cllr Paul Evans and seconded by Cllr Mike Stansfield with a unanimous vote in favour of the nominations for 2015/16.</p>
9.	Adoption of Standing Orders & Financial Regulations	<p>Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for 2015/16 was proposed by Cllr Mike Stansfield and seconded by Cllr Billie Knight with a unanimous vote in favour.</p>
10.	Accounts	<p>The Clerk reported that the closing balance at year-end for 2014/15 was £22,553.10 (per bank reconciliation approved at 13th April 2015 meeting).</p> <p>It was noted that the 2014/15 year-end balance is ~£4,000 lower than that for 2013/14 reflecting auditor 'best practice' feedback for reserves & balances and the Parish Council's planned programme of Parish Projects.</p> <p>The clerk also informed Councillors of the account balance at 30th April 2015.</p> <p>Church Aston PC accounts and balances were noted.</p>

Date and time of next meeting during May 2016 is to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm
Signed Chairman:

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