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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Church Aston Parish Council

Held at the Village Hall, Church Aston at 7.40 pm on Tuesday 9th May 2022

Present: Cllr Simon Stacey (Chairman), Cllr Paul Evans (Vice Chairman), Cllr Brian Richards, Cllr Pat Sansom, Cllr Malcolm Bennett and Cllr Andy Stokes

Also in attendance: Mike Atherton: Clerk to CAPC

1	Apologies	Cllr Fiona McKeown (approved absence), Cllr John Pay (holiday), Cllr Billie Knight (ill-health) and borough Cllr Andrew Eade (prior commitments)
2	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest
3	Minutes from 24th May 2021	Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 24 th May 2021 were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Richards and unanimously agreed by all Members present. The minutes were then signed by Cllr Stacey.
4	Chairman's Annual Report	Cllr Stacey reflected on events of the past year that had, in-part at least, been restricted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The most significant local issue emerging during the past year had seen a series of flooding issues at various locations in the village. Whilst changing weather patterns are acknowledged as part of the problem investigations continue via T&WC and STW to identify causes and ways to alleviate the worst effects. The adverse impact of Covid-19 had created an opportunity for the PC to repay early a PWLB loan (for LED street lighting upgrades), effectively freeing up resources in future years for Parish Projects. Provision of new seating and blossoming trees in Wallshead Way Play Area were provided as part of the QEII Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Preparations for the formal re-naming of the play area (QEII Park) and associated signage are well advanced. So too are preparations for the Jubilee weekend with an excellent community event anticipated by all.

		<p>Cllr Stacey asked all Members to pause for a moment to reflect on global matters including the dreadful humanitarian crises in Ukraine – putting into perspective the things that the PC and our community value most.</p> <p>In conclusion the Chairman thanked Cllr Paul Evans (Vice-Chairman), colleague Members, borough Cllr Eade and the Clerk for their support throughout the year, and encouraged everyone to look forward to a better year ahead.</p>
5	Election of Chairman	<p>Cllr Evans took the position of Chairman for this item.</p> <p>Cllr Stacey was nominated for the position of Chairman and in the absence of any other nominations he was proposed by Cllr Evans, and seconded by Cllr Richards, with all Members present voting in favour.</p> <p>A 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' was duly completed and signed at the meeting.</p>
6	Election of Vice-Chairman	<p>Cllr Stacey resumed the position of Chairman for this item.</p> <p>Cllr Evans was nominated for the position of Vice-Chairman and in the absence of any other nominations he was proposed by Cllr Sansom, and seconded by Cllr Stokes with all Members present voting in favour.</p> <p>A 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' was duly completed and signed at the meeting.</p>
7	Representatives Annual Reports	<p>Village Hall Committee: Cllr Bennett provided an overview on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. This included reference to a continuing programme of building & eco improvements, a varied and complete programme of community activities taking place in the VH each week and advanced preparations for the QEII Platinum Jubilee on 5th June 2022.</p> <p>Bus Users Group: Cllrs Evans reported that there had been no in-person meetings of the BUG over the past year but that the group had continued to function on-line and through email dissemination of information. Matters of particular interest centred on the commercial viability of rural bus routes including changes to services from Stafford to Newport and then on to Telford & Shrewsbury (and vice-versa). Recently announced proposed changes include the 5/5A service by-passing Muxton and Lilleshall village due to low patronage.</p> <p>Newport Regeneration Partnership: in the absence of Cllr Pay there was no report however it was noted that NRP had scaled back its meetings during Covid-19 with minimal progress on many projects.</p>

		T&WC: no report in the absence of borough Cllr Eade
8	Elect Members to Committees / Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Village Hall Committee: Cllr Knight & Cllr Bennett ❖ Bus User Group: Cllr Stacey & Cllr Evans ❖ NRP: Cllr Pay ❖ T&WC: borough Cllr Eade <p>The above nominations were proposed en-bloc by Cllr Stokes, seconded by Cllr Sansom, with a unanimous vote in favour of the nominations for 2022/23.</p>
9.	Adoption of Standing Orders & Financial Regulations	<p>Members considered both items together with Cllr Evans proposing adoption of Financial Regulations & Standing Orders for the year 2022/23. The motion was seconded by Cllr Richards with all present voting unanimously in favour.</p> <p>Resolved: that Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be re-adopted for 2022/23</p>

Date and time of next meeting during May 2023 is to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm
Signed Chairman:

Date: