

MINUTES

OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD AT HOPE BOWDLER VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 20th MAY 2019 at 7.30pm

038/19 - Present and Apologies for absence

Cllr. G Watts - Chairman
Cllr C Pugh
Cllr. L Gray
Cllr. S Jones
Cllr. T Madeley
Cllr. B Orme
Cllr. P Jenkins

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Unitary Cllr. Cecilia Motley

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs J de Rusett and two members of the public.

039/19 – Notice convening the meeting

In accordance with statute, the Notice convening the meeting has been duly published on the parish notice boards, in the Parish Magazine and on the parish website.

040/19 – Chairman’s Welcome and Annual Report for the Parish Council for the year 2018 – 2019

As Chairman for 2018/2019 Cllr. Graham Watts welcomed everyone to the meeting delivered the following report.

- I commence my report by thanking my fellow councillors, Unitary Councillor Cecilia Motley and our Clerk for all their help and support during the parish year 2018/2019.
- During the past year we have held eight parish council meeting, alternating between Ticklerton and Hope Bowdler Village Halls. Members of the public are always invited to attend these meetings to raise any problems or queries with us relating to parish matters. To facilitate public involvement and to comply with our

statutory requirements the meetings are advertised in the parish magazine, on our website (www.eatonhopebowdler.co.uk) and on notice boards around the parish.

- The parish council considered eleven planning applications during the year, ten of which the parish council was able to support.
- This year the parish council did not seek an Environmental Maintenance Grant from Shropshire Council. The grant is designed to fund the parish council to pay for environmental works around the parish, such as clearing drains, gullies, laybys and keeping the bus shelters and signage clean and verges trimmed. Unfortunately, in 2018 new and onerous rules were imposed by Shropshire Council on this grant, including requiring the parish council to match fund any grant pound for pound from the parish council Precept. This would have involved a substantial increase in the Precept for 2018/2019 and successive years. This and other factors militated against us making a grant application. The position will be reviewed in 2020/2021. It may be that the parish council will not in future be able to fund the annual winter clearance of drains, gullies and laybys by a hired JCB and operator.
- The Parish Council has successfully navigated its way through the new data protection legislation and the new audit and annual return procedures. The 2018/2019 audit report and annual return documents will shortly be available on our website.

041/19 – Unitary Cllr. Motley’s report

Due to transport difficulties, Cllr. Motley was unable to attend the meeting.

042/18 – Open Forum.

Two members of the public attended, to thank the members of the parish council for their support in relation to a planning application.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.05pm - it was followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.

MINUTES SIGNED BY Steven C Jones

DATED 17th June 2019