

STOKE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Stoke Prior Village Hall on the 16th May 2018.

Present: Councillors Peter Williams (Chairman of the Parish Council), Diane Brown, Liz Eden, Jill Howe, Chris Jewson, Alyson Jewson, Liz Miller and Penny Power.

In attendance: Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk) plus D/Cllr Malcolm Glass, Revd Wyn Beynon, Chris Cooke (Parish Lengthsman), Ian Gerard (Parish Contractor) and 2 members of the public.

Peter Williams took the chair for the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors John Ellis, Keith Shakespeare and Dean Smith, Martina Ponsonby (Stage Door Dance Academy) and Norman Avery (Village Hall Management Committee).

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 3 May 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3 May 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman of the Parish Council's Report

In presenting his report, the Chairman highlighted the following points:-

- The first film night had been successful with just over 200 people attending. It was proposed to hold another film night this year on Saturday 1st September.
- The Carols in the Park had also been successful with a good attendance despite the weather. He thanked Revd Wyn Beynon for leading the event.
- The Christmas lights competition had not been as successful as previous years and he felt that it needed more publicity.
- The Chairman thanked all Parish Councillors for their work and support throughout the year.

4. Reports from the County Councillor and the District Councillors for the Parish of Stoke

D/Cllr Malcolm Glass commented on the removal of the chimneys at the Intall Fields site following the planning appeal decision last year. Local residents had been very appreciative of the improvement in the local environment as a result of this action. He added that the market in Bromsgrove had now returned to District Council's management.

5. Reports from Representatives of Local Organisations

The meeting noted the reports from Chris Jewson and Mark Tovey, Parish Path Wardens, Norman Avery on behalf of Stoke Prior Village Hall Management Committee and Martina Ponsonby on behalf of the Stage Door Dance Academy.

Revd Wyn Beynon thanked the Parish Council for arranging for the cleaning of the war memorial in the churchyard.

6. Public Session

There were no issues to be considered.

The Chairman then reminded everyone that this would be Liz Eden's last meeting as a Parish Councillor and he thanked her for all her help and support.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Chairman