

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sheriffhales Village Hall at 7.00pm

Thursday 8 May 2014

MINUTES

1. **Chairman's welcome and announcements** – The Chairman welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting.
2. **Minutes** - To confirm the Minutes of Sheriffhales Annual Parish meeting held on Thursday 23 May 2013. It was **AGREED** to sign them as a true record.
3. **Matter Arising from the minutes** – There were no matters arising.
4. **Chairman's Report** – The Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Bonsall, read out his report as follows:

May 2013 was the Election Year for Town and Parish Councils and we started the new Council year with seven Councillors, but on the 18 July Neil Pulker and Richard Maddocks were co-opted onto the Parish Council. During January Cllr Mike Morris resigned and was replaced by Mrs Anne Jackson at our meeting in March.

Our Civic Service was held in St Mary's Church here in Sheriffhales on Sunday 19 May and approximately 70 people attended followed by refreshments laid on in the Village Hall by the WI. Thanks to all who helped with the Civic Service.

We held a Barn Dance and hog roast on Saturday 15 June and it was a great success with all generations enjoying themselves together.

The Garden Competition was held on Sunday 29 September when the gardens were judged in the morning and prizes given out during the afternoon. Thanks goes to Councillor Mrs Janet Jones for all her hard work in organising this event.

On the 18 July we had a visit from Shropshire Council Planning Officer, Ian Kilby who gave a presentation covering current planning procedures.

We have received 12 planning applications from May 2013 to present and no doubt there will be more to come. The Parish Council has had to learn and understand the Core Strategy 2006-2026, Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev), Local Development Framework (LDF), National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Community Infrastructure Level (Cil) as well as the 5 Year Housing and Land Supply just to name a few.

In September our Clerk, Christine Rutherford resigned and we have employed Anne Chalkley who is a qualified Clerk of eight years experience in both a large and smaller Parish Councils.

Our Christmas lights were a great success this year and thank you to Cllr Peter Young and his team for their work in assembling and taking them down.

The Parish Council have been pursuing some highway issues such as road improvements on the Birlington Junction onto the A5. This work should be carried out very soon. New signs will be put up on the A41 Pickmore to the County Boundary giving way to clear directions.

We are still looking into a possibility of a shop and post office for Sheriffhales and there may be an opportunity with the outcome of development in the area.

Last year we purchased a picnic bench, three seater bench and goal posts for the Sports/Playing Field.

Our main focus this year has been on the Sport/Playing Field in Sheriffhales. The Trustees now want to sell the land and we have first refusal and have to raise the money before July of this year. On the 7 February we

engaged with the community in an ‘Open Meeting’ on this subject and it was very encouraging with the response and support from the residents.

The Parish Council has been very busy collecting names for a petition, valuations for the land as well as letters of support to be supporting evidence in a Sports England funding application to try and raise the money to purchase this land. We have also engaged a consultant to negotiate with the Trustees a fair price and waiting to hear from Sports England if we have been successful with the funding.

I can honestly say that being a Parish Councillor is never boring as there is always something to learn or do. We would like to thank all those who have participated in our meetings as we do appreciate your input.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Councillors past and present for all their support in my term as Chairman of this Parish Council.

5. Finance Report - The Clerk presented the audited financial report for 2013-2014.

6. Police Report – PC Nick Allbutt reported as follows:

10/01/14 – Cash stolen from Lilleshall sports centre

13/01/14 – Headlights stolen from an L/Rover in Heath Hill

16/01/14 – A41 2 x theft of diesel from lorry tanks

22/01/14 – Detected assault at Oaks

24/01/14 – A41 diesel theft from a lorry tank

21/03/14 – trailer stolen from a field near Lilleshall

13/04/14 – Horse lorry entered at Burlington Farm

All crime in the Shifnal & Albrighton area which includes Sheriffhales is available on the West Mercia website by looking at the crime map for the area.

The Chairman thanked PC Nick Allbutt for his report and he left the meeting.

7. Civic Service – 8 June 2014 at 3pm at St Mary’s Church in Sheriffhales.

8. Public Opportunity to Speak – None.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.20pm. The next Annual Parish Meeting will be on Thursday 9 April 2015 at 7pm in Sheriffhales Village Hall.

Signed:.....Date:.....
Chairman