

BRINDLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 23 MAY 2017 AT
THE WHITE HOUSE, MARQUIS DRIVE
BRINDLEY HEATH
7.00PM**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: P. Adams (Chairman)
R.Turville (Vice Chairman)
D. Cotton
Mrs M. A. Turville
A. Pearson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs T. Williams (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllor Ms Wilkes and Cllor Miss Wilkins.

2. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, Cllor P. Adams welcomed members of the Council to the meeting.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 May 2016 were approved as a true record.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and support with the Parish Council's business over the previous year.

He expressed his view that the time commitment needed for the Council's work was growing and becoming more demanding, particularly in respect of planning matters. He believes that the time commitment is only going to increase, believing the District Council and Staffordshire County Council are becoming more dictatorial in their approach to local councils. He said there is an absence of people who are interested in local issues and there is a good deal of apathy.

The Chairman thanked members for their work commitment to external organisations and bodies. Having an outside post to go to can be difficult, and on occasions bring much aggravation with no offer of thanks.

The Clerk was thanked by the Chairman for her work during the year.

The Chairman was thanked for his leadership over the previous year.

Chairman's Initials.....

5. OTHER REPORTS

Cllor Cotton informed members that he appreciated the support members of the Planning Committee had given him as Chairman (of the Planning Committee) over the previous year. He considers the Parish Council’s systems and procedures for dealing with planning matters, to work very well. He recognises that the system must be open and accountable with sound practices and proper discussion. Face to face meetings will always be arranged (in between scheduled parish meetings) where there is a need for additional consideration and debate.

Thanks were given to the Clerk for her work during the year.

Cllor Pearson reported that he had ensured the District Council’s Planning Control Committee had undertaken a site visit to the proposed new access at Penkrige Bank Road, and planning officers had recognised that members had needed to view the site.

The powers of the Planning Department were discussed and the need for the local planning authority to ‘have teeth’.

Cllor Cotton was thanked by Cllor Mrs Turville on behalf of the Planning Committee for keeping members informed on all planning applications and planning issues generally.

Curtailment of working hours on building construction sites was discussed. It was requested that an enquiry be made to the Planning Department about the routine inclusion of a planning condition specifying the times when building work could take place to protect neighbours from noise during unreasonable hours.

6. OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised. No members of the public were present.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 7.15pm

Signed.....
Chairman, Councillor P. Adams

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