

Notes from Annual Parish Meeting  
Kinnerley Parish Hall  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7pm

**PRESENT**

Cllr Charles Green (Chair), Cllr Nick Barclay (Vice-chair), Cllr Sheila Bruce, Cllr Betton Cambridge, Cllr Bill Jones, Cllr Maurice Jones, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr John Pinder, Cllr Sharon Quayle and Cllr David Slaughter

Cllr A Walpole – Shropshire Councillor

Two members of the public was present.

**APM 1/17                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Paul O'Hagan – Chairman of Peels Plantation and Rev Helen Morby – Chairman of Governors, Kinnerley School

**APM 2/17                      MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 were approved and signed.

**APM 3/17                      KINNERLEY PARISH COUNCIL - REPORT**

Cllr C Green (Chairman) gave a verbal report.

**APM 4/17                      POLICE - REPORT**

None

**APM5/17                      KINNERLEY SCHOOL - REPORT**

The Clerk read the following report out on behalf of Rev H Mowby, Chairman of the Governors.

- The school continues to be led well under the current Headteacher, Marilyn Hunt
- There have been a few staff changes over the past 12-18 months but all new staff are providing excellent teaching and support across the school
- The number on roll have fluctuated and currently at 77 pupils
- The Nursery is proving to be successful with up to 13 children attending, varying at different sessions.
- Wrap around Care with provision for before and after school has been set up through Little Angels and there has so far been a reasonable take up.
- Due to the numbers on roll the Governors have had to take the decision to reduce the number of classes for the school year beginning September 2017. From September there will be three classes as follows:  
Class one Nursery and Reception  
Class Two Yrs 2/3/4  
Class Three Yrs 5&6

The Governors will keep this under review and if numbers increase there could be a return to four classes.

- The expectations for Governors and the demands on them means that recruiting Governors is getting harder. The Governing body is currently two members short. However we hope to have a solution to this in the very near future.

- The school had its 5 year SIAMS (Statutory inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) in February 2016 and the outcome was Good.
- As the last Ofsted was in September 2013 we are expecting another inspection anytime.

**APM 6/17                      CLLR ARTHUR WALPOLE – SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT**

Cllr A Walpole gave a verbal report.

**APM 7/17                      KINNERLEY PAROCHIAL CHARITIES – REPORT**

Cllr Bill Jones gave a verbal report on Kinnerley Parochial Charities, Charity No. 215968, and a copy of the financial report.

**APM 8/17                      KINNERLEY PARISH HALL - REPORT**

Cllr Sheila Bruce gave the following report.

Over this past year we have maintained our bookings at much the same level as regrettably we have not been able to attract any new users on a regular basis. However bookings for one off functions such as fundraising events from other organisations and private parties both adult and children have slightly increased. Once again we have lost bookings due to the Hall being unavailable.

The continuing low price of oil although that cost has recently increased and the grant from the Parish Council has enabled us to keep our reserves at much the same level despite having to once again meet a fairly expensive maintenance repairs and replacement of equipment.

The management Committee as Trustees of the Hall and being members of the RCC receive monthly updated on matters relating to liability. A few months ago all Halls were advised there had been a number of instances where major insurance covered repairs had been needed and due to Halls not being insured for their full value Trustee had been held responsible for the difference. In view of the fact that we were not aware of any professional valuations having been undertaken the committee decided to have a building survey undertaken which unfortunately has resulted in a considerable increase in the Building Insurance.

The paper bank on the car park has continued to be a useful source of income for the Parish Hall although we are not getting as much paper as we hoped to we hope that people will continue to use the paper bank and not the kerbside collection thus benefiting the local community.

Despite ever increasing overheads we have only raised charges a minimum amount over the past year as we are aware that organisations have the same problems in meeting increased costs, however if we are to be able to continue to keep charges as they are it is essential that the local Community continue to use the facilities as much as possible as we also face competition from other local halls all of which are fighting for available bookings and with constant changes in legislation to meet health and safety issues etc. annual costs will no doubt continue to increase.

The installation of CCTV continues to have an impact on the amount of minor vandalism of which we have had very little this year mainly the replacing of brackets round the downpipes and repair of guttering which had been damaged by footballs.

We now have a volunteer who cleans the guttering and flashings whenever required.

A small group of people voluntarily give a considerable amount of their time to the running of the hall and I feel the community owe them a vote of thanks for all they do.

Finally many thanks to the Parish Council for their continued support to the Hall.

#### **APM 9/16 MAESBROOK VILLAGE HALL - REPORT**

Cllr David Slaughter gave the following report.

The Village Hall continues to support the local community. It is regularly used for Art Classes, Gardening Club, Yoga Classes, Barn Dances and Coffee & Chat mornings in addition the committee organised another successful "Maesbrook Bake Off". A very successful "afternoon teas" attracted a lot of attention and raised a very encouraging £521 in aid of the Guide Dogs for the Blind. The committee is pleased that Kinnerley Parish Council Continue to meet regularly in Maesbrook .

Donations, received from local residents, remained close to previous years. However, overall income fell below that received the previous year; due mainly to a reduction in private lettings and organised events. This was compensated by reduced maintenance costs leading to an overall surplus for 2016 of £393.

If our current regular bookings continue the future looks stable for the Village Hall. Additional regular folk group and Sunday lunch events have recently been organised. It is hoped these will help to restore overall income to previous levels and allow planned maintenance, deferred in 2016, to be undertaken.

The committee thanks Kinnerley Parish Council for its continued financial support, which contributes significantly towards essential overheads such as insurance, performing rights society fees, and safety inspections. The cost of which continues to rise.

#### **APM 10/16 HALSTON FIELDS - REPORT**

Cllr Sheila Bruce gave a report.

The multi-purpose court on the Halston Field has continued to be well used over the past year by both young people playing soccer and an increased number of young people and families playing tennis. Regrettably early on at the start of the tennis season we again had major damage done to the side netting and on several occasions the padlock on the rear door to the court was forced off. Eventually the youths were spotted on court car numbers taken and reported to police who took action. They were not from our Parish but were known to the Police and thankfully we had no further trouble. Unfortunately the lines of the court have not been painted. We have not got enough money to have them done professionally but so far have been unable to find anyone to do it. With so little income we are still wholly reliant on volunteers to keep the court tidy. Jos Bevan is no longer able to do anything, however a family who live in the village encouraged their teenage son to give a hand tidying the court and surrounding area from time to time. We are fortunate that we still have a group of people who voluntarily cut the hedge twice a year, a considerable task and their hard work is greatly appreciated.

#### **APM 11/16 PEELS PLANTATION - REPORT**

None

#### **APM 12/16 P3 GROUP**

None

**APM 13/16                      OPEN SESSION FOR QUESTIONS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION**

David Dyson asked for football goals in the park, as there is not enough to do for his age group. He stated that goals will encourage teenagers to get out and play football. The previous goals were great for many years. The young people cannot use the tennis court for football during the summer.

**APM 14/16                      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Annual Parish Meeting was agreed as 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

There being no other business, that Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

**Signed .....**  
**Chairman of Parish Council**

**Date .....**