

**Minutes of the annual parish meeting of Little Hereford held on
Wednesday 2nd May, 2018 at Little Hereford Parish Hall at 7.30pm.**

There were 10 electors present.
Mr P Denbeigh chaired the meeting.

Apologies had been received from R Barber, E Thomas, A Alsford, B Davies.

Minutes of the last meeting - The minutes of the last annual parish meeting were read out, agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

Chairmans Report – Parish Hall – Eva had forwarded her report. It has been another successful year, the committee were thanked for their hard work, despite. Tracey as caretaker is in good health now and has resumed her duties. Adrian Albert of The Roebuck is now our designated licence holder, he has volunteered his services and will run events when he can. Those hirers not using him will need to apply for a temporary event notice and notify him. One committee member holds a personal licence so alcohol can be sold if she is in attendance.

Treasurers Report – Parish Hall

During the financial year income totalled £10,022.74, expenditure was £6,264.05 giving a profit of £3,758.69.

Hall hire increased by £814, income from coffee mornings, fete and whist also increased, the recovery of polling fees from Herefordshire Council of £300 and full reimbursement of insurance costs of £694 were recovered from third party insurers. There was a reduction of income from 100 club and the Christmas fair. Interest rates remain low despite holding higher reserves.

Expenditure was down by £650 despite increased utility costs. High maintenance costs of £1623.42 were due to faulty car park lights causing power problems, and costs initially incurred from the damage resulting in the claim mentioned earlier.

Funds at the bank at year end amounted to £40,999.61.

Bedlam Charity

The Clerk had requested an update, but it had not been received in time for the meeting, this will be followed up.

Any other business

The Clerk advised of the revised data protection laws due to come into force on 28th May. All organisations will have to adhere to these rules to protect people's data. Both village hall's have been informed, but it is relevant to small community organisations also. There is a useful document on the parish council website, and if required the Clerk can advise further.

Cllr Stone advised that due to a long cold winter, increased potholes repairs, gritting runs and significant snow to contend with has piled the pressure on to local councils. Work is ongoing to catch up on repairs, a jet patcher is in operation to repair potholes quicker. Herefordshire Council has received £1.25m to help with repairs, compared to £89m given last year. Further funding came from the challenge fund last year of £5m, this has to be applied for. Average cost of fixing a pothole is £56.

There are now 13 Locality Stewards in place, a tour of the parish has taken place with ours, the Lengthsman Scheme continues to operate but without funding – some parishes have dropped out.

Thanks to everyone who has helped keep the parish busy and active, to Eva for the newsletter, to Peter Denbeigh as Chair of the Parish Council, to the choir and fete organisers and to Peter and Carolyn who do so much for the church and community.

Thanks also to Boris, our Lengthsman, to members of the Parish Council voluntarily representing the community and to Karen our Clerk.

Cllr Stone was thanked for his support.

Concerns were raised regarding potential development opposite Sunningdale. The Chairman advised that no plans had been received to date regarding this matter, and if and when it is received, information will be posted in the usual way.

C Sandall advised that the neighbourhood development plan includes development in the parish, but each case is looked at individually as are all applications.

P Sandall thanked the Parish Council for their grant to the churchyard. He congratulated the village hall committee on a healthy bank balance and suggested investing in some more comfortable chairs!

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed

Date

Chairman