

**BRILLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**DRAFT Minutes** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on  
Tuesday 16 May 2017 at 19.00 at Brilley Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Roger Bayliss (Chairman)

**In Attendance:** Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; 10 members of public.

- 1. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting – 24 May 2016.** These were ADOPTED and signed.
- 2. Report from the Chairman – to 31 March 2017**  
We started the year in the same vein as the old finished with the NDP taking a lot of thought and time. The committee have been very diligent and, hopefully, it will be approved when the referendum date comes.  
Several planning applications have been discussed and comments made in response.  
After long delays and much discussion about the cost of repairing the war memorial, Tom Smith, a local qualified stonemason, was employed to undertake the work. An excellent job was done. Thank you, Tom. Also a mention to the Labbett family for the loan of some of the equipment used.  
The Parish Council has been able to support the Village Hall by paying for the grass mowing on the Village Green.  
The Lengthsman scheme is still working well for the benefit of the Parish. However, more of the funding will come from the Parish precept in the future, if this is to continue. Thank you to Peter Watts for his work.  
Every 3 months, a drive around the parish roads is carried out with the Locality Steward from Balfour Beatty. Some things are addressed to our satisfaction.  
We have erected a 'No Fly Tipping' sign where there have been fly tipping issues over a period of time. Hopefully, this will stop it.  
Thanks go to Peter Davies for doing the internal audit for us once again, Alison Sutton for her work as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and to the Councillors for their commitment and involvement during the year.
- 3. Update from the Village Hall Committee –**  
The last year has been as busy as ever for the Village Hall. The Hall continues to be an important part of the local community providing opportunities for people to get together with old friends and neighbours and to meet people in the wider community. Regular events including stained glass workshops, home-education group, yoga classes and the recent addition of fencing tuition help to meet our remit of providing educational and wellbeing resources.  
Big annual events such as the Summer Fête, Harvest Supper and Christmas Party help to mark the passing of time and the keeping of traditions.  
The Hall is run by a committee of up to 13 members. Regular meetings are held to plan for future events and to ensure the smooth running of the charity. Annual finance and trustee reports are published through the Charity Commission.  
As a committee we are often congratulated on the appearance of the Hall and the wide range of events that we put on. This would not be possible without the support of the wider community in both Brilley and Michaelchurch.  
The committee is keen to increase its current number to lighten the load on those already in place. To make sure the Village Hall stays at the heart of the community it is essential that we recruit new members with new ideas and ways of working. If you or anyone you know would like to help out, the committee for the year ahead will be elected at our AGM in July.  
The day to day running costs of the Hall are largely met through the regular hiring income. Regular fundraising helps to top this up and allows us to embark on projects to enhance the inside and outside of the Hall. For larger projects we have relied on funding from successful grant applications.  
We are grateful for the continued support of the Parish Council. Their annual funding of the upkeep of the Village Green is of great benefit to us. The recent purchase of a defibrillator for the local community

was made possible through the funds of the Parish Council, we will work with them to ensure that it is installed as quickly as possible and that appropriate training will be provided.

**4. Public Forum –**

Problem as mowing of Village Green not been done this year. Cllr Bayliss will contact the person who does the mowing.

Thanks given for the repair and upkeep of the war memorial, a public symbol of local sacrifice. The plaque mentioned in the minutes from 2016 Annual Parish Meeting – Herefordshire Council taken on the planned commemoration of the action in which Leonard Alan Lewis died and was awarded a VC. There will be a county-wide event, with a ceremony in Brilley where he lived most of his life as well as Whitney-on-Wye where he was born.

Noted the fly-tipping sign has been defaced but that it appears to have reduced the problem. Dangerous stretch of road, down Chapel Lane just past entrance to nature reserve, dangerous drop on side of road where eroded away – will be looked at on next parish drive-round on 1 June.

This meeting was declared closed at 19.15.

**SIGNED**.....  
(Roger Bayliss, Chairman)

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