

BRILLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
Tuesday 8 May 2018 at 19.00 at Brilley Village Hall

Present: Cllr Roger Bayliss (Chairman)

In Attendance: Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; 11 members of public.

1. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting – 16 May 2017. These were ADOPTED and signed.

2. Report from the Chairman –

NOTED: Our planned bi-monthly meetings are working well except when a planning application comes in just after the agenda is publicised.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been used in recommendations to planning requirements, in particular to the appropriate use of sitings and usefulness of plans. Other issues have been easier to balance within the needs of the applicant.

Again, we are able to support the Village Hall with a donation to enable it to be kept in a good condition. I am pleased we can put some of your precept back into the community.

The Lengthsman scheme will be funded from the Parish Funds in future. I would express thanks to Peter Watts for the work he has done over the last year, hoping he will continue next year. We try to do our best in keeping the roads pothole free. We carry out a quarterly drive around the roads with Lara Edwards from Balfour Beatty.

Our Ward Councillor is still on sick leave. Roger Phillips has been keeping us up to date with things that are happening at County and ward level. Thank you, Roger, for your support.

It is good to see members of the public from Brilley coming to meetings. Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. We try to resolve issues whenever we can.

Fellow councillors, thank you for your input and commitment over the last year, with ever more regulations coming at us, especially the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation). Without an excellent clerk, it would be difficult to see a way for it to work for us. Thank you, Alison, for your efficient preparation for meetings.

3. Update from the Village Hall Committee –

NOTED: The Hall continues to play an important role in the day to day life of the village, providing opportunities for the residents to get together with friends and neighbours and to meet people in the wider community. We are pleased to work closely with our hirers to facilitate the running of regular activities including a home education group and sewing and patchwork group. Along with yoga classes, stained glass workshops, a walking group and film and social nights these help to meet our remit of providing educational and wellbeing resources.

Large annual events such as the Summer Fête, Harvest Supper and Christmas Party are now well established and help to mark the passing of time, the changing seasons and the keeping of traditions in this rural community.

Alongside these larger events, monthly meetings on Social Night and the recent addition of a free monthly Coffee Morning help to bring people together and combat isolation and loneliness in such a remote and sparse community.

The Hall is run by a committee of up to thirteen 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 keen to increase our current number to lighten the load on those of us already in place. To ensure that the Hall stays at the heart of the community for future generations it is essential that people are encouraged to take part and also take responsibility for this resource.

The day-to-day running costs of the Hall are largely met through the regular hiring income. The Hall can be hired at a competitive rate of £25.00 per session. We encourage local residents to make the most of the hall. This hiring rate comes with the full use of the Hall's facilities, including access to the Village Green. Regular fundraising events help to top up our income, this money is reinvested to enhance the Hall and its surroundings.

The committee is grateful for the support of the Parish Council. Their increased and ongoing funding of the upkeep of the Village Green is of great benefit to us. In recent months we have been able to appoint a groundsman who regularly mows the Village Green and is quickly getting to grips with the rest of the site. We hope that this will enhance the natural beauty of the open space. As a committee we also work closely with Brilley and Michaelchurch PCC to embark on joint fundraising and to hopefully protect the future of both community assets.

Joseph Kendrick, Secretary to Brilley and Michaelchurch Village Hall Committee.

4. Public Forum –

NOTED: Thanks to Peter Davies for undertaking the Internal Audit again.
Question on what effect will loss of Lengthsman scheme have on precept. NOTED: precept not raised this year and hope to keep same for future, Financial Advisory Working Group monitoring situation.
Resources catalogue – NOTED parish council not able to take on production due to GDPR and data protection.

This meeting was declared closed at 19.19.

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(Roger Bayliss, Chairman)

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