**MINUTES**

**OF**

**WOORE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Held at Woore Victory Hall**

**Monday 10th April 2017 at 7.30pm**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllrs Moore, Allison, H. Blake, M. Blake, Chell, Clifford, Cowey, Ford, Lightfoot, Shropshire Cllr (SC) J. Cadwallader.

Six Parishioners were present, including: Mr J. Furber, Mr C. Hoy, Mr C. Jeffries, Mrs J. Mitchell and Mr J. Porritt.

Miss S. Pimlott, Clerk to Woore Parish Council (the PC).

# WOORE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the PC, Cllr Moore.

Cllr Moore welcomed those attending the meeting.

# TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 11TH APRIL 2016.

The Minutes were agreed and accepted by the Meeting.

# CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

A report prepared by Cllr Moore as Chairman of the PC was circulated and read out. No questions were raised about the Report.

# WOORE PARISH COUNCIL – DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORT

Draft accounts prepared by the Clerk had been circulated. The Clerk reported on the accounts. No questions were raised.

**WOORE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT**

A Report prepared by Mr Jon Furber, Chair of the Woore Neighbourhood Planning Team, was circulated. Mr Furber took those present through his Report. No questions or issues were raised.

# SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

SC Cadwallader presented his report orally.

He said that, in his opinion, it was vital that Woore should have a Neighbourhood Plan as it would influence the form of any future development within the Parish.

**TREE AND PATH WARDENS’ REPORT**

A Report prepared by Ms C. Bedson and Ms S. Tyson, Tree and Path Wardens, was circulated. In the absence of the Wardens, the Report was read out by Cllr Moore. No questions were raised.

# WOORE VICTORY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

A Report prepared by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr W. Nichol, was circulated. Cllr H. Blake presented the Report as Mr Nichol was unable to attend the Meeting. No questions were raised.

**WOORE UNITED CHARITIES REPORT**

A report prepared by the Chairman of the Trust, Dr Charles Hoy, was circulated. The report was summarised by Dr Hoy to the Meeting. No questions were raised.

# OLD WOORE SCHOOL TRUST REPORT

A report prepared by the Secretary to the Trust, Mr J. Parkes, was circulated. As Mr Parkes was unable to attend the Meeting, the Report was presented by Cllr Lightfoot who was one of the Trustees and who represented the Parish Council in that capacity. Cllr Lightfoot explained that the Trust had been established when the Village School had been sold. She said that the purpose of the Trust is to apply the income from the capital realised by that sale for, in broad terms, educational purposes within the Parish. Any child or young person below the age of 25 could apply for a grant and such grants were not means tested. Cllr Lightfoot said that five grants had been made in the past year. Ms J. Mitchell commented that, even though she had lived in the Parish for some years, she was not aware of the Trust’s existence. Following a discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Clifford would put something on the PC’s website giving information about the Trust.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

A report prepared by the Scheme Co-ordinator, Mr C. Jeffries, was circulated. Mr C. Jeffries presented the Report. Ms J. Mitchell volunteered to take over as Co-ordinator for the Scheme in Woore. It was agreed that she would liaise with Mr Jeffries following the Meeting.

**VILLAGE PRIDE**

A report prepared by the Chairman of Woore Village Pride (WVP), Mr C. Jeffries, was circulated. Mr Jeffries said that WVP would cease to operate at the end of the 2017 growing season as he and the other volunteers, about sixteen in number, who constituted WVP, were retiring. WVP had been formed in 2013 when the activities of the Village in Bloom Association and those of Mr Jeffries and his co-volunteers, which had hitherto been confined to Pipe Gate, were merged. WVP was ceasing its operations because its workload was becoming too onerous for its ageing participants and because of difficulties with organising a lottery which had funded approximately 50% of WVP’s activities, the other 50% largely coming from donations by the PC. Mr Jeffries said that he and Mr P. Hawkins would continue to plant up and care for the two planted beds and nine half barrels located close to where they reside at Pipe Gate.

Mr Jeffries said that WVP had continued to plant up, water and maintain 12 other beds in the Parish which had previously been looked after by either the Village in Bloom Association or Shropshire Council (SC). Mr Jeffries said that, if the PC was intending to take over WVP’s activities once it had ceased operating, the likely cost, in terms of contractors, would be well in excess of the £3,000 which was WVP’s own annual budget.

**MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS (MVAS)**

A report prepared by Cllr Blake was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Blake presented his report. Cllr Clifford thanked Cllr Blake for the time he and his colleagues spend ensuring that MVAS continued to work effectively to reduce the speed of traffic travelling through the Parish. Cllr Clifford’s views were unanimously endorsed by all those present. Cllr Clifford proposed that the Parish Meeting should seek details of the enforcement action which the West Mercia Police proposed to take arising from the evidence obtained by MVAS that drivers are speeding through the Parish. It was resolved that the Chairman of the Meeting should seek such information.

**MARKET DRAYTON AND RURAL AREAS LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT (LJC)**

A report prepared by the PC’s representative on the LJC, Cllr Clifford, was circulated prior to the Meeting. Cllr Clifford presented his report. He drew particular attention to the current availability of funding for youth work in Woore. He said that the definition of youth work had now been widened so that youth coaching carried out by the cricket and tennis clubs in Woore should now meet the criteria and hopefully be entitled to receive grants of up to £2,000.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A parishioner, Mr J. Porritt, raised concerns about a bramble hedge and grass verge in the vicinity of the Ireland’s Cross sign requiring attention. The Clerk indicated that she would review this problem.

**The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.**

**SIGNED: ……………………………………………**

**(Cllr M. Blake, Chairman, Woore Parish Council)**

**DATED: ……………………………………………**