
PARISH OF BETLEY, BALTERLEY & WRINEHILL

ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

This meeting is an opportunity for local residents to hear about the work of the Parish Council in the past year and to raise any matters of local concern

You are warmly invited to attend

AGENDA

**Thursday 19th May 2016
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Chairman's Review of the Year
Clerk to present financial report
Any other reports
4. Any other presentations
To include County/ Borough Councillors
Presentation on a Neighbourhood Plan for Betley,
Balterley & Wrinehill
5. Open Forum for General Questions
6. Any Other Business

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CIVIL PARISH OF BETLEY, BALTERLEY & WRINEHILL

Minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2015

ATTENDANCE

Parish Councillors Bettley-Smith (in the chair), Daly, Ecclestone, Morris, Speed, Townsend & Watkin. Borough Cllr Becket. Six members of the public. The Clerk to the Parish Council.

1. The Chairman welcomed parishioners to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Berrisford & Head.
3. The minutes of the 2014 meeting were approved as a true record.
4. The Chairman presented his report on the activities of the Parish Council in the past year. He thanked his fellow councillors, the Clerk and the Borough and County Councillors for their support during the year. He made particular reference to the retirement of David Becket as a Borough Councillor, and thanked him for his commitment to the community over many years. He reported on the progress of the Community Speed Watch Scheme funded by the Parish Council. During the year 14,950 vehicles had been monitored (an increase on 5,641 the previous year), with 265 (approx 1.8%) speeding. The highest speed recorded was 63mph, the second 56mph, and generally speeding vehicles were travelling around 45mph.

The Clerk presented his financial report for the Parish Council in 2014-15.

5. The Chairman invited any question or comment from residents.

A member of the public spoke on behalf of Betley, Balterley & Wrinehill Skaters - a group of teenagers and parents who would like a skateboard facility in the village. The Parish Council had suggested an approach to the Village Hall Committee but that group had felt unable to assist. Would the Parish Council be able to assist with a site? The Chairman explained that there was no appropriate site under the control of the Council. The site at Laudy Croft was intended for informal recreation, treeplanting and conservation; skateboarding would be contrary to the other aims for the site. It was recognised that the lack of facilities for teenagers was a feature of the village as identified by the Parish Plan. However it was difficult to provide a facility which was acceptable to both the teenagers and the wider community. A 'Teen Shelter' had been proposed in the past, but a suitable site could not be agreed.

Mr Becket thanked the Chairman for his kind words and reflected that a past initiative for young people - the cyber cafe - had ceased as interest had dwindled.

6. The Chairman thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.