

# **BETLEY, BALTERLEY & WRINEHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting held on 18th May 2017**

### **PRESENT:**

Parish Cllrs Robert Bettley-Smith, Mandy Berrisford, Dave Hales, Richard Head, Frank Speed, Jo Thomas, Terry Townsend and Ian Walton.

County Cllr Northcott.

Twelve residents.

Gwyn Griffiths (Clerk).

### **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed councillors, residents and Cllr Paul Northcott, the area's newly elected County Councillor.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from Parish Cllrs Daly and Watkin.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman presented his Annual Report on the work of the Parish Council (copy available from the Clerk).

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk presented a Financial Report for 2016-17 (copy available from the Clerk).

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Cllr Loades introduced himself to the meeting. Following the election he was still undergoing induction but expected to be fully installed in his role in the next week. There were seven Parish Councillors within his Division and there were clashes between the meetings of some of them; nonetheless he would do his best to attend. He was also a Borough Councillor which may prove useful at times.

He was due to meet with the county highways team in the next week and would be looking to devise a strategy to maximise the use of highways funding. He recommended use of the MyStaffs app.

### **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

There was no Borough Councillors' report.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Parish Cllr Head outlined progress to date on the Neighbourhood Plan, and how it was expected to develop over the coming year.

## OPEN FORUM

Members of the public raised a variety of matters.

Concern was expressed regarding the visual impact and lack of affordable housing in the development of the Blue Bell site and the hope was expressed that any development on the Wrinehill Garage site would be more suitable in design terms and more inkeeping with local housing need. It was explained that this was the sort of matter which could be addressed in a Neighbourhood Plan (and that the Parish Council had been very critical of the development, but had been let down by the Borough Council)

A member of the public expressed his appreciation of the work of the Council and in particular their efforts in trying to secure repairs to pavements in the village and to discourage speeding. Their efforts were to be applauded but perhaps a full-time speed camera was required and - if the proposed 900 houses at Wychwood Village were approved - perhaps a by-pass would be appropriate.

The Chairman thanked the resident for his comment and indicated that fixed cameras were now considered to be less effective, but that the Parish Council had now obtained a speed camera which could be deployed at different locations along the A531.

There were no questions regarding the Financial Report.

Concerns were expressed regarding the current position regarding HS2. It was agreed that the Clerk would establish the current situation and keep residents informed as appropriate.

The continuing failure of the County Council to address the landslip at Den Lane was noted.

The Chairman thanked councillors and residents for their attendance and closed the meeting.