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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at  
Bosbury Parish Hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillor Julia Boyle (Chair of the Parish Council)

**In attendance:** Emma Thomas – Clerk to the Parish Councils and Cllr Patrick Whitehead – Chair of the Parish Council Planning Committee

**Parishioners:** 8

**1. To Accept any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason**

Apologies were RECEIVED from Cllrs Sven Bosley and Tim Newsholme.

**2. Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Julia Boyle**

Cllr Julia Boyle welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**3. Approval of minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting 3.5.18**

The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.

**4. Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report - Cllr Julia Boyle**

Cllr Julia Boyle gave her annual report which included the following items:

- Thanks were given to the Clerk for her hard work and attention to the website.
- Thanks were given to Cllr Patrick Whitehead in his position as Chair of the Planning Committee, and to the Planning Committee as a whole for their hard work over the past year.
- The NDP Committee were also given thanks – with particular note going to Cllrs Sven Bosley and Charlie Ferrier.
- Thanks were given to Ward Councillor Tony Johnson for his support over the past year.
- Thanks were also given to Cllr John Joyce-Townsend for his work on highways and speeding issues through the parishes.
- The Parish Council was successful in preventing Storesbrook Bridge from being closed during the Christmas period, thanks to liaison with Balfour Beatty, Herefordshire Council, neighbouring parishes and local businesses.
- Pressure is still being put on Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty to continue to improve the side roads used so heavily during the closure of the bridge.
- Thanks were given to the Footpaths Officer – Mr. James Boyce – for his efforts in keeping the footpaths clear and reporting issues.
- The Parish Council has recently purchased some kissing gates to be installed over the coming year. Thanks were given to Cllr Joe Hayes for his assistance with this.
- Thanks were given to Cllr Patrick Whitehead and the Catley Parishioners for arranging the restoration of the Catley phone box and the installation of the defibrillator – alongside financial assistance from the Parish Council and support from Cllr Julie E Baker in the purchase of the defibrillator.
- Thanks were also given to Cllr Sue Ransford for efficiently organising the purchase and imminent installation of a defibrillator at Coddington. Thanks to Cllr Julie E Baker for her assistance with this.
- Thanks also to Cllr Julie E Baker for organising the HeartStart demonstration evening and resuscitation training event.
- Thanks were given to Andy Thomas, The Parish Lengthsman for his efforts in keeping the parishes tidy.
- Thanks were also given to Mr. Tony Hall for the voluntary mowing he does around Bosbury Church and to the team that mow around Coddington Church.
- Cllr Sven Bosley – Vice-Chair was also thanked for his assistance over the past year.
- All Parish Councillors were finally thanked for their efforts within the Parishes over the past year. It was noted that all their efforts are done on a voluntary basis and therefore very much appreciated.



**5. Update on Parish Planning - Cllr Patrick Whitehead**

Cllr Patrick Whitehead gave his annual report which included the following issues:

- The planning Committee has been busy with 22 applications across the two parishes to consider over the past year.
- The Bean Field site still needs monitoring. Following pressure from the Parish Council the application was reduced, after appeal, from the original 37 houses to the current 21 houses – of which 8 are affordable. There is concern that the number of dwellings may try to be increased.
- The Buchanan Trust have been active and the Parish Council have been supportive of their ethos.
- The Planning Department within Herefordshire Council has undergone some significant changes over the past months. They now have 4 new planning officers to help clear the back log. Each officer now produces a full report on why they came to their decision with regard to each planning application. This, it appears, is going to be useful in helping to understand decisions on current applications but also on how best to comment on future applications.
- Thanks were given to the Planning Committee for their skill and knowledge throughout the year. It has been invaluable.

**6. Review of Lengthsman work**

The lengthsman's work over the past year was highly commended and comment was made on how tidy the parishes were looking.

**7. To receive updates from other local charities and organisations if submitted**

The following accounts were received for noting:

**8. Open Forum – this item to be limited at the discretion of the Chairman**

The following issue was raised

- There is a clay shoot every Sunday between 10.00-12.00 at Hill Farm. This is causing distress to many parishioners as the noise is too intrusive. It was AGREED that the clerk contact the Ward Cllr regarding this issue.

*The meeting closed at 7.20pm*

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