BRINDLEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 15 MAY 2019 AT
THE WHITE HOUSE, MARQUIS DRIVE, BRINDLEY HEATH
7.00PM

PRESENT:	Parish Councillors:	P. Adams (Chairman) R. Turville (Vice Chairman) D. Cotton Mrs M. A. Turville A. Pearson
IN ATTENDANCE:		**Co**unty Councillor B. Jones 2 Members of the public Mrs T. Williams (Clerk)

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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Sutherland.

Apologies were also received from County Councillor: P. Hewitt.

2. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed members of the public and members of the Council to the meeting.

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29 May 2018 were approved as a true record.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

The Chairman thanked the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor D. Cotton, and the Clerk for their work through the year. He also thanked the Vice Chairman, Councillor R. Turville, for representing the Council at external events.

The Chairman advised that camping activity and plans to hold festivals/public events in the vicinity of Penkridge Bank Road had ceased, and he hoped the peace and quiet would continue.

The Chairman reported on the nature of the work the Council had been involved with over the previous year as well as the challenges encountered. These included:

- The time commitment necessary to stay informed within the town and parish council sector was increasing.

- The District Council's decision to give notice of new planning applications by electronic means only was disappointing. Hard copy plans are no longer posted to parish councils which can cause difficulties as not all parish councillors are online or have strong internet connection services available to them.

  The attachment of plans to the email notifications issued to Members (who are online) is helpful as it allows quicker access than searching for the information on the planning portal.

- The Cannock Chase AONB Unit has taken on two new officers, after the departure of longstanding staff from their posts. The officers are welcomed. The view was expressed that the Unit's effectiveness in managing the Area of Outstanding Beauty on the ground is limited by its powers – which need to be expanded.

- The Parish Council now has badges and pin badges which will enable the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillors to be identified when attending external meetings and events.

- The Managing Director of the wedding events company operating from the Tackeroo Camp Site has confirmed that he has no events scheduled during the upcoming year.

- Our local police officer, PCSO Liz Dale and colleagues are attending meetings of the parish council regularly and give informative reports on the work they are doing. Their time is much appreciated, and the information provided, greatly valued. The limited resources of Staffordshire Police continue to be a cause for concern.

5. OTHER REPORTS

There were no additional reports

6. OPEN FORUM

Members of the public raised points of discussion which included:

- Planning applications – The development and future use of land in Stafford Brook Road. Concerns were raised about the removal of trees and changes of use for commercial purposes.

  Parish Councillors advised that the planning process involves a public consultation stage which provides an opportunity for residents of neighbouring homes and stakeholders, to submit their observations and express their views.

  Assurances were given that these observations are taken into account by the local planning authority.

  Brindley Heath Parish Council submits comments in response to all planning consultations it receives notice of, from Cannock Chase Council and Staffordshire County Council.

  The District Council's Planning Control Committee process was explained in respect of Committee Members undertaking site visits prior to Planning Control Committee taking place.

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- HGV Lorries – causing tailbacks along Stafford Brook Road and lorries exceeding the speed limit.

  This information was noted for investigation by County Councillor Jones.

- Penkridge Bank Road – a history of land over the previous year.

  The name and telephone number of a point of contact was noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone present for attending the meeting before declaring it closed.

Signed…….....

Chairman, Mr P. Adams

Date…….....

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