Minutes of Dilwyn Annual Parish Meeting held on

1st May 2018 at 7.00 pm at St Mary's School, Dilwyn

In the Chair: Mr P. Stilwell, Chairman of Dilwyn Parish Council.

In attendance: Ward Councillor Mark Cooper, Mr. Gwilym J. Rippon (Parish Clerk)

6 members of the electorate (including 10 Parish Councillors) were present.

Apologies were received from Cllr. T. Kyles and R. Brown

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2016 were read, approved and signed.

There were no matters arising.

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3. REPORTS

3.1 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL – Cllr. Cooper gave his report, a copy of which is attached to the minutes

3.2 POLICE REPORT - there were no police officers in attendance

3.3 PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - Presented by Cllr P. Stilwell, Chairman of
Dilwyn Parish Council.

1. 1. We have had many planning applications last year, developments have been started and are ongoing. Unfortunately not to our recommended low cost housing.

2. An addition to our asset register is the war memorial and will be added to our insurance inventory. A request was also made for an addition to the names of WW1 and 2 service personnel, of a recent service personnel, this is being looked into with the War Graves Commission.

3. Neighbourhood Development Plan is getting towards the later stages, after a slow start and hopefully not too far away from completion. Thank you to all who have worked so hard on the project.

4. The village website was discussed at length, our regular administrator’s now retiring, we thank them for all their hard and committed work. There is now a Parish Council website in operation where you can find all up to date information.

5. Having lost the scheme and grants for the Lengthsman and Footpaths, we are now partly funding these, public support will be welcome.

6. Roads. Ongoing pressure is constantly being applied from Parish Council regarding the state of our roads which seems to fall at deaf ears. Balfour Beaty are very good but they are limited by Hereford Council. It is requested that the Public make their representations to Hereford Council via the link and telephone number that is published in this months Dilwynner, it will carry more weight believe it or not to get repairs or even resurfacing done.

7. The Parish Council Audit was satisfactory, but again last year costs were added to the Audit due to another anonymous enquiry from outside Council. This adds to our precept.

8. More reserve money has again been put into 2018/2019 budget to bring it to an acceptable level.

9. Carols on the Green was held for the second time in existence inside the Crown Inn with good attendance, the weather was a failure and it was even too wet for Santa to arrive in his sleigh.

10. The Crown Inn has been managed the last twelve months by Callum and Annabelle Anderson who have since resigned their position, we thank them for their work and commitment. The Crown has been stable with profits shown on wet sales, and food being limited which should improve this year. Development of the outbuildings are currently under discussion.

11. Problems have arisen at the sewage treatment plant with overflowing drains, these are being attended to by Welsh Water in liaison with a local resident.

I would like to thank all my fellow Councillors for their full support over the last demanding twelve months.

3.5 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT - It reported that the group had several meetings and as making progress.

3.7 CEDAR HALL REPORT - (Attached to the Minutes)

It was reported that there was a new Committee, also that there had been an amount of refurbishment taken place over the last 12 months.

3.8 DILWYNNER REPORT - (Attached to the Minutes)

Cllr John Gerrish presented the report. He reported that there had been two new members to the team, also the printing had ben outsourced which had reduced costs.

3.9 FOOTPATH OFFICER'S REPORT - (attached to the Minutes)

David Brown presented his report he stated that the footpath over the Stretford Brooke had been reopened after completing the bridge. He also reported that there was possibility of funding being phased out.

3.10 PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL – (attached to the minutes)

Rose Brown reported that there was a new vicar by the name of Matthew Burns. There had been no major work to the Church over the last 12 months, however a decision had been made to extend the burial ground to ensure that it was prepared for burials in the future.

4. OPEN DISCUSSION

There was nothing to report under this section

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.