

Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr I Webb

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 14th April 2023, at Millennium Hall Cockshutt starting at 7pm

Present:

Residents: Cllrs. J. Bowers, P. Griffiths, Ms J. Harrison, Ms. P. Inglis and I. Webb
(Chairman) and two other residents of the parish
Shropshire Cllr: Brian Williams
Chair: Chair of the Parish Council Cllr I Webb
Clerk: Parish Council Clerk, Lynda McCormack

APM01/23 Welcome

Cllr Webb welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APM02/23 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 14th April 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2022 were approved and signed by the chairman Cllr. Webb

APM03/23 Annual Report of the Parish Council

Cllr. Webb introduced and welcomed our new councillor Penny Inglis representing Petton Ward. The Parish Council achieved the implementation of several projects this year amounting to £18,600. The Parish Plan was published nearly five years ago now, it is a live document and will change periodically as projects are completed. The pandemic changed the dynamics of the Parish Councils work affecting implementation of items in the Parish Plan which is now due for a more thorough review.

APM04/23 Electoral Update

a) Divisional Boundary Review

Electoral divisions for Shropshire are currently under review. The Boundary Commission for England has decided there should be 74 Shropshire Councillors and are currently reviewing the results of the initial public consultation. The timetable for completion of the review is:

25 April - 3 July 2023	2nd public consultation
26 September 2023	BC publish recommendations
November 2023	BC ask Parliament to approve recommendations
May 2025	New arrangements apply to local elections

For more information visit:

<https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2022/11/have-your-say-on-a-new-political-map-for-shropshire-council/>

Cllr. Brian Williams gave an overview of the current proposed changes to the Meres Division, none of which directly affect Cockshutt & Petton parish.

b) Voter ID

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections. For more information visit:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/elections-and-electoral-registration/voting-and-elections/voter-id-in-polling-stations/>

APM05/23 Jubilee Field Development

Cllrs. Simon Lewis and Joy Harrison are in the process of setting up a focus group to consider proposals for the Jubilee Field. Cllr. Harrison has done some project management work and re-planning of the Jubilee Field. Cllrs had a meeting with a project manager with experience of local council projects who gave some necessary advice. In the light of the current economic climate the Parish Council feel that there should be a re-consultation to gain feedback from residents, so any suggestions or ideas are welcome.

Hedge planting is in its second phase and a wildflower area will be planted in the next few days.

APM06/23 Parish Debate

The Chair of the Village Hall Committee thanked the Parish Council for its support and work done on the play area. The Village Hall Committee did raise concerns regarding illegal activities on the Hall Car Park. The Parish Council has raised concerns via its Neighbourhood Charter Contract and the Village Hall Committee has requested a meeting with the police.

Community Speedwatch experience problems with overgrown hedges around the speed signs at either end of the village. If the signs are obscured Speedwatch are unable to carry out their work. The Speedwatch group are depleted at the moment and are looking for more volunteers to continue this initiative.

Cllr. Williams informed the meeting of the imminent road closure for re-surfacing works on the A528 from Harmer Hill to Burlton between 4th May and 24th May which will impact anyone travelling from the Village to Shrewsbury for a considerable period of time. More information and diversion routes can be found here:

<https://www.cockshuttcuppetton-pc.gov.uk/road-closure-a528-may-2023/> or <https://one.network/?tm=133209312>

The Clerk of the Parish Council mentioned a request from the Police and Crime Commissioner to visit and engage with residents.

The Chair, Cllr Ian Webb, declared the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed...(by the Chairman)

Date.....11th April 2024.....