

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF BIRLEY WITH UPPER HILL 2018

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Function Room, Bush Inn HR4 8EH at 7.00pm on Tuesday 29th May 2018

Present: Mrs A Pendleton, (Chairman); Mrs I Stokes; Mr J Gough; Mr R Grayburn, Mr J Mackay-Lewis and Mr A Last.

Also in Attendance: Mr M Hopkins (Clerk).

Public: None.

1. Mrs A M Pendleton welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Mrs S de Rohan.
3. **The Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting on 9th May 2017 were approved.
4. **Matters Arising:** It was noted that the A4110 through Knapton had recently been resurfaced.
5. **Reports:**

The Chair - Mrs A M Pendleton outlined the main activities within the Parish. In brief she reported on the Remembrance Service held in November. One contentious planning application along the A4110 for the erection of two poultry units. HALC AGM and GDPR workshop.

Finally she thanked the Parish Councillors, the Ward Councillor, Locality Steward (Phillip Pankhurst) and the Clerk for their hard work and support during 2017/18. In return Mrs Pendleton was thanked for all her hard work and dedication over the last 12 months

A full copy of the report was circulated and a copy attached to these minutes.

Ward Cllr Mark Cooper: Cllr Cooper's written report contained the achievements by Herefordshire Council in recent years. In particular those affecting this Parish and its residents: reduced agency staffing by 50%, improved adult social care, funding for a new university in Hereford, providing a new livestock market, progressing plans for a by-pass, successfully delivering a new enterprise zone creating over 600 new jobs and resurfacing 19% of county roads.

Repairing the roads in the county remains a top priority for the safety of all road users. A full copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Westhope Common Management Committee: Cllr Ivy Stokes reported the AGM had been held on 10th April when the committee was appointed. E Smith was elected Treasurer and the appointment of Chairman was deferred to the next meeting on the 12th June.

Subscriptions to remain at £10 pa. There is still a problem with 'off roading'. The Briquette Company will again make briquettes from bracken this year. The rest period on the common is now from the end of January to the end of April *. Supplementary feeding of animals on the common was considered to be detrimental to the common. If owners wished to feed their animals it must be done on their own ground. The failed Jubilee Oak had been replaced. The next meeting is on 12th June 2018.

Cllr Stokes was thanked for her continued hard work.

* Those present at the meeting suggested that the rest period should be extended to the end of May.

6. Open Discussion:

Discussion took place on the poor condition of the road within the parish and in adjoining parishes.

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

Signed
Chair of the Parish Council

21st May 2019
Date