Annual Kilpeck Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

for

Kenderchurch, Kilpeck, St. Devereux, Treville & Wormbridge parishes Under the Chairmanship of Mr Mark Parsons

(Vice - Chairman of Kilpeck Parish Council)

held in The Kilpeck Village Hall, Kilpeck on Monday 13th May 2024 which commenced at 7.00pm

Meetings declared open

In attendance

Councillor Mr N Eynon Councillor Mr D Howie
Councillor Mr M Parsons Councillor Mr G Statham
Councillor Mr D Thompson Councillor Mrs N Thompson

Mr Malcolm Walker Parish Council Clerk

Three further members of the public

Apologies were received from

Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman of Kilpeck Parish Council, Councillor Mr R Probert, Councillor Mr D Roden, Wormside Ward Councillor Mr Richard Thomas and the Police Locality Steward not present

1.0 Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meetings of the 15th May 2023 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Vice - Chairman Mr Mark Parsons

2.0 Chairman's Parish Report 2023 - 2024

{All reports read out by the Vice - Chairman Mr Mark Parsons}

We have now endured the wettest winter on record. What else will nature have in store for the rest of the year?

Mr David Roden has resigned as Parish Lengthsman due to ill health. I would like to thank him for all the work he has carried out not only as Parish Lengthsman but as a valued member of the Parish Council and community.

The Parish Council has now engaged Terry Griffiths (Contracts) as Parish Lengthsman.

The new Parish Noticeboards at Wormbridge and Didley are now in place.

This Council continues to bombard Balfour Beatty with footpath and road defects but it still takes many hours of our Clerk's time often with not even a reply.

The A465 has very few road markings and in places none at all. There are many dangerous junctions used by Pontrilas Sawmill lorries and lorries going to Avara Food Mill.

The A465 is generally in a very bad condition and considering the amount of traffic using it each day. When will Herefordshire Council consider it a priority? It is after all one of the most used road to South Wales.

The Council has again booked an evening of First Aid Training at Kilpeck Hall on Thursday 6th June 2024. These skills are so important to learn particularly in rural villages where many people work alone

Our Clerk and his wife have been with us for 20 years but they now feel it is time to reduce their work load. Their knowledge of local government will be sadly missed. We have been fortunate to have two for the price of one as the saying goes. We cannot thank you enough. You have guided this Council through much troubled waters to come out the other side with laughter. Thank you from this Council and the wider community.

I would also like to say thank you to our Ward Councillor Mr Richard Thomas.

To my fellow Councillors thank you without your help and local knowledge my work would be much harder.

This concludes my Annual Report

Kenderchurch Annual Parish Report

Two planning application were made during the year. One was approved and the other is still valid.

I would like to thank Mr David Roden and Mr Roger Probert for their help within the parish.

Kilpeck Annual Parish Report

Two planning applications were made during the year, both were approved.

The Post Office at Kilpeck Hall has now closed and I would like to thank Mrs Jo Purdom for her many years serving the local community. Many village Post Offices have now been closed and where a need for continued support is proven a Mobile Post Office will visit the village.

The Parish Council purchased a bench which was made by a local craftsman in memory of Mr Meadmore and this will be placed on the Green next to Kilpeck Church when the ground is favourable after such a wet winter.

Once again the Christmas Pantomime was an excellent production and played to packed audiences over three days and it was enjoyed by all ages. Rehearsals are well underway for a summer production. So watch out for the dates when tickets will be available to purchase.

The Trafalgar Oak on the Green has been tested with the latest ultra sound equipment and it was found to be in good condition. It will continue to be monitored by Whitfield Estate.

I would like to thank Kilpeck Hall Committee for their hard work I n raising funds to maintain this community asset. We are very fortunate to have such a lovely hall within our parishes.

I would like to thank Mr Nicholas Eynon, Mr David Thompson and Mr Gerald Statham for their work within the parish.

Treville Annual Parish Report

One planning application was made during the year and this was given approval.

Whitfield Estate has various events throughout the year to raise funds for charity. This year the gardens will be open to raise funds for St Michael's Hospice later this month and a Giant Car Boot in August to raise funds for charities. Mr and Mrs Clive have chosen Dore Community Transport as their local charity. A worthy cause because it provides transport for parishioners within our parishes.

St Devereux Annual Parish Report

We have a new business in St Devereux called The Cutting Garden and we wish Alison every success with her new venture.

I would like to thank Mrs Nikki Thompson and Mr Roger Probert for their work within the parish

Wormbridge Annual Parish Report

Three planning applications were made during the year and are still valid. A defibrillator has now been placed at Forge Garage Wormbridge. Wormbridge now has two with the second placed at The Bridges Childcare. This one also contains equipment for use on young children.

I would like to thank Mr Mark Parsons for his work within the parish.

30 Councillor Mr David Hitchiner (Potential Herefordshire History Festival)

Councillor Mr David Hitchiner gave an overview of ideas for a 10 day History Festival modelled on the "HArt" Festival. Booklets and maps to be provided. Setting up of a Countywide Web Site and bi-monthly meetings with existing groups. Approximate running costs £2,000.00 First meeting 10.00am 14th June 2024 at the Herefordshire Archive and Records Centre (HARC)

which holds the archives for the county of Herefordshire. The building is on Fir Tree Lane, Rotherwas, Hereford.



4.0 <u>Police Carol Marsh PCSO Hereford City Southside & Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team West Mercia Police</u>

Not present and no report available

5.0 Kilpeck Village Hall Report May 2024

Read out by the Vice - Chairman Mr Mark Parsons See appendix

6.0 Ward Councillor Report

Wormside Ward Councillor Mr Richard Thomas not present and no report available

7.0 Open Discussion of Parish Matters and a Résumé of Recent Business

No issues raised

Meeting declared closed 7.25pm

Signed.....

Parish Council Chairman Dated xxx May 2025