

# Annual Kilpeck Parish Meeting

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

for

Kenderchurch, Kilpeck, St. Devereux, Treville & Wormbridge parishes

Under the Chairmanship of

**Mrs Joyce Davies**

**(Chairman of Kilpeck Parish Council)**

held in Kilpeck Village Hall, Kilpeck, Hereford

on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 which commenced at 7.00pm

### Meetings declared open

#### In attendance

Councillor Mrs J Davies	Councillor Mr D Howie
Councillor R Probert	Councillor Mr M Parsons
Councillor Mr G Statham	Councillor Mr D Thompson
Councillor Mrs N Thompson	

Lisa Lewis (Parish Council Clerk)

Two members of the public were present.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr N Eynon, Councillor Mr D Roden, Ward Councillor Mr Richard Thomas

#### 1.0 Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meetings of the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman Mr J Davies.

#### 2.0 Chairman's Parish and Annual Reports

Reports read by Chairman Mrs J Davies

##### **Kilpeck Annual Parish Report**

Six planning applications were made during the year. This council has requested the area outside the telephone box which house the defibrillator to be assessed to determine if double yellow lines can be put in place to ensure that the area is kept clear in an emergency. The council is still awaiting a reply from Herefordshire Council regarding the application for a speed limit through Kilpeck Village.

The pantomime raised an estimated £3,000 and donations have been made to local charities. Congratulations to the production team and performers for once again providing excellent entertainment.

A new noticeboard is soon to be placed on the Village Green. I would like to thank Mr. Rob Horton for cutting the Village Green.

Kilpeck Church had several items stolen during the last few months. The local police are investigating the crimes.

**St Devereux Annual Parish Report**

A councillor raised concerns about lorries parking overnight in a pull-in opposite the layby on the A465, which is already full of lorries parking overnight. The pull-in leads into a lane towards residential property and vehicles parking here are obstructing visibility for vehicles entering the main A road, creating a safety hazard. The matter has been referred to Herefordshire Council with a request to take appropriate action to resolve the issue.

Following a request from a member of the public regarding raising driver awareness of the Hamelt of Didley, it was suggested that village gateways and welcome signs be put in place. Plans of the proposed positioning of the signs have now been forwarded to Herefordshire Council and we are awaiting a reply.

**Treville Annual Parish Report**

There has been various correspondence with Herefordshire Highways and the Safer Roads Partnership regarding the Locks Garage and Tram Inn junction. The road from the Tram Inn to the junction with the A465 has been resurfaced.

**Wormbridge Annual Parish Report**

Three planning applications are still valid.

The Speed Indicator Devices have had their annual service, and we are able to download the information onto the clerk's laptop.

The police have been monitoring the speed of traffic through Wormbridge.

There was a fire in one of the units at Wormbridge Court Industrial Estate last month. It happened overnight when no one was working on site.

**Kenderchurch Annual Parish Report**

Kenderchurch Church is now in the care of Friends of Friendless Churches and a plan of refurbishment is awaiting listed building approval. The Churchyard is still open and cared for by local parishioners and this council has provided a grant towards its upkeep.

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

Flooding on the carriageway at Pontrilas Sawmills was a major problem during the wet winter and spring. At one stage when the flooding made the A465 impassable both because of the depth of water and abandoned vehicles, members of this council were able to free blocked drains and make the A465 safe to use for all traffic. I would like to thank my fellow councillors for clearing the blockage in the drainage ditch.

Mr David Roden has resigned from the council due to ill health. He was a member for many years and I would like to thank him for his work and wish him a peaceful retirement with improving health.

### **Chairman's Parish Report 2024 - 2025**

Mr Malcolm Walker retired as clerk to our parishes after 25 years. Both Malcolm and Shelia worked way beyond the paid hours to keep this council in good order over the many changes in both government and legal updates. Mr and Mrs Clive kindly hosted Malcolm and Shelia's leaving event. Both past and present members of our council attended, and we all exchanged memories of the last 25 years. In June last year we welcomed our new clerk, Mrs Lisa Lewis and we look forward to working with her for many years to come.

Kilpeck Parish Council have always considered themselves as proactive, maintaining wherever possible roadside ditches and associated grips. We were able to obtain a grant from Herefordshire Council to help with the years programme of works. I would like to thank Mr. Jamie Probert, our lengthsman and Mr. Nicholas Eynon who work to keep our roads and ditches in good order throughout the year. I would like to thank Mr Roger Lucken for the work he did to move the ditch from the unstable, undermined road on the corner of the C1221.

Herefordshire Council are now doing more complete road resurfacing, although none is in our area at present. Potholes are still a major problem and often once repaired, the first rainstorm washes out the tarmac again.

The Parish Council made a donation to Dore Community Transport. This valuable service provides door to door transport and is used by many of our parishioners. This council has also made grants to Wormbridge Church, St Deveraux Church, Kilpeck Church and Kenderchurch Church towards church yard maintenance funds.

The new Benefice group of churches is made up of Kilpeck, Wormbridge, St. Deveraux, Allensmore, Clehonger, Eaton Bishop, Kingstone and Thruxton. The priest in charge is Reverend Caitlin Thomson and she is looking forward to becoming part of our community.

The current cost of living crisis is significantly impacting everyone and unfortunately looks like it is here for some time to come. This council will strive to do our utmost to spend money wisely. I would like to thank my fellow councillors; without your help our parishes would not function so well. I would also like to say a massive thank you to Lisa, who has taken over the reins of the parishes. This is hard enough with all the changes in legislation and getting to know us all.

End of report.

**3.0 Hereford City Southside & Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team West Mercia Police** – Not Present.

### **4.0 Kilpeck Village Hall Report May 2025**

Presented by Mr. Hugh Murray

Over the past year, Kilpeck Village Hall has continued to serve as a vibrant hub for community activity. Highlights include:

- Pantomime: Five well-attended showings were held this year, continuing this cherished tradition.
- Coffee Mornings: These remain a regular and valued social fixture.

- Pop-up Food Event: A new and successful addition to the calendar, attracting great local interest.
- April Quiz Night: A lively quiz event took place in April, featuring food and an open bar.
- Breakfast Morning: The first one was held and we hope to see more.
- Live Music: *Swing from Paris* have been rebooked due to their popular performance.
- Hall Improvements:
  - The kitchen has been redecorated.
  - Exterior railings have been refreshed.
  - Existing lighting has been replaced with energy-efficient LED lamps.
  - A new fridge is planned for purchase to support catering needs.

The Hall continues to thrive thanks to the dedication of its volunteers and the enthusiastic support of the community.

#### **5.0 Ward Councillor Report**

Wormside Ward Councillor Mr Richard Thomas had sent his apologies and no report available

#### **6.0 Open Discussion of Parish Matters and a Résumé of Recent Business**

No issues raised. It was noted that the defibrillator in Kilpeck village had been used and parts are to be replaced.

Meeting declared closed 7.15pm

Signed.....

Parish Council Chairman

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