



Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 22 May 2018, at Morda Village Hall starting at 7pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr Tony Cheetham (Oswestry Rural Parish Councillor)
Clerk: Carole Warner
Residents and others present: 25

APM01/18 Welcome by the Chair of the meeting

The Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Robert Milton welcomed everyone to the meeting but apologised that he had to leave on urgent business matters.
Cllr Tony Cheetham took over the chair.

APM02/18 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 23 May 2017 to be approved and signed.

The Minutes were approved and signed.

APM03/18 Presentation by Consultant Mr Mark Cheetham, Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon. "Reconfiguring Healthcare in Shropshire"

Mr Cheetham introduced himself as a 'local' having attended Oswestry School and now a consultant with Shrewsbury NHS Trust. He outlined the problems of a large catchment area and the pressures of retaining staff. Mr Cheetham outlined the proposals going out for consultation. There would be a new website and different style of public meetings – market stalls for one to one discussions rather than presentations.

APM04/18 Community Service Award 2018

Cllr Cheetham announced the winner of the 2018 award to be Rhydycroesau Pantomime Group. Cllr Cheetham read some of the nomination which explained the Group had been in existence for 40 years. The commitment to start rehearsal in September each year culminating in 11 performances in January could not be underestimated. Proceeds go to Rotary and charities. It is a real community event. Shane and Alison Parr from Stonehouse Brewery presented the award to Tony Pepper who was representing the Group.

APM05/18 Presentation by West Mercia Safer Neighbourhood Team North Shropshire, Police Inspector Tracy Ryan

Inspector Ryan introduced herself as a Police Officer of 15 years standing and explained her background to achieving her current position. Inspector Ryan gave an overview of the current issues within Oswestry and surrounding areas which covered from tackling drug dealing to parking and speeding issues. Residents raised several issues: speeding on the Trefonen to

Morda road, parking on double yellow lines at Morda, problems with requesting police to attend minor public disturbances and drug related crimes eg breaking into outbuildings. Parish Councillors drew Inspector Ryan's attention to the lack of Police Reports at Parish Council meetings. Inspector Ryan agreed to look into this

APM06/18 Annual Report of the Parish Council

Cllr Cheetham apologised that a report was not available due to Cllr Milton's absence. It was agreed the report would be included in the next parish Council newsletter.

AMP07/18 Parish Debate – YOUR opportunity to raise questions and matters of interest or concern

Questions, comments and discussion took place on the following topics:

- Trefonen Rural Protection group supported the Parish Council stance to keep the Parish 'Countryside' under Planning Policy.
- Residents commented on the already overdevelop of Morda.
- Traffic issues along Weston Road and that Highways did not take into account the impact of development on the Road.
- Speeding along Coed y Go

The Chair, Cllr Cheetham, declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

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