



# Oswestry Rural Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 24 May 2016, at Morda and Sweeney Village Hall starting at 7pm

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### Present:

Chair: Cllr Matt Lee  
Clerk: Carole Warner  
Residents and others present: 30

### APM01/16 Welcome by the Chair of the meeting

The Chair, Cllr Matt Lee welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### APM02/16 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 28 April 2015 to be approved and signed.

The Minutes were approved and signed.

### APM03/16 Annual Report of the Parish Council

Cllr Matt Lee presented the Report which covered the following areas:

- Retirement of Cllrs Ashley and Evans and new Councillors Davies and Roberts–Jones
- Val Smout’s retirement as Clerk and the appointment of Carole Warner
- Defibrillators in Trefonen, Rhydygroesau and Morda
- Highways – have continued to bring issues to the attention on both Shropshire Council and Highways England.
- Planning – a quieter year with SAMDev being approved and 5 year land supply being established.
- 2 new Committees to help manage Council business
- Strategic Plan and new procedures / processes in place.
- New website established and a newsletter to be published.
- CIL/NF and the Council’s own funds being monitored closely for best use.
- Thanked Police for their reports
- Thanked Val Edwards who had resigned as Councillor for her contribution to the Council
- Vacancy – anyone interested please see the Clerk for information/details

### APM04/16 Presentation by Brian Williams, Traffic Management Advisor Warwickshire Police & West Mercia Police, on the work of the Safer Roads Partnership

Mr Williams gave a presentation on the work of the Safer Roads Partnership which covered their core activities of Education, Engineering and Enforcement. Mr Williams with the assistance of CSO Kurt Mabe answered questions on cycle pathways, ‘shared spaces’ as a traffic management tool, use of Community Speed Watch to reduce speeding and the process of raising ‘community concerns’.

**APM05/16 Presentation by Kate Garner, Locality Commissioning Manager Shropshire Council, on the potential of services being devolved to the Parish.**

Ms Garner gave a detailed presentation of the changes to take place in Shropshire. Questions were raised with regard to the impact to Libraries, the impact on Parish Councils if taking on more responsibilities, concern re possible 'clustering' of town and parish councils developing into 'borough councils' or one large town council.

**APM06/16 Presentation by the Trefonen, Treflach and Nantmawr Village Design Statement Steering Group on progress with the 're-fresh'.**

Mrs K Kimber presented the background to the Village Design Statement, the reason for the 're-fresh', the process carried out to date and plans for the future. The representatives of the Steering Group were thanked for the comprehensive and detailed work carried out to date on behalf of the community.

**AMP07/16 Parish Debate – YOUR opportunity to raise questions and matters of interest or concern**

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

- The availability of the Community Enablement Officer with a project in Maesbury Marsh.
- The discussions held between the Parish Council and Shropshire Council regarding the maintenance of green spaces
- The importance of the Parish Council being involved in discussions with Shropshire Council regarding the future maintenance of Trefonen Playing Field.
- The increase in Parish Council Precept for 2016/17.
- The role of Parish Councils
- The level of influence the Parish Council has with Shropshire Council.

The Chair, Cllr Lee, declared the meeting closed at 9pm.

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