
Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council

Chairman of the Council: Councillor Mrs Sheenagh Unwin

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on **Monday 19th April 2021** via Zoom at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors S Unwin (Chairman)
S Snell
C Turley
J Johnson
L Ricketts

In Attendance: Cllr V Holt
Cllr G Sinclair
Cllr H Unwin (Minute F21/2815)
G Johnson
S Fisher
L Seabury
J Welch
Kieren Baker
Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Mrs Stolic (Randlay Primary School Headteacher)

F21/2810 WELCOME

Councillor S Unwin, Chairman, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. This is a meeting of the residents of the Parish, with representatives of the Parish Council.

F21/2811 APOLOGIES

Councillor Dalby
Councillor H Unwin Arrived F21/2815
Glenn Atkinson Headteacher, Hollinswood Primary School
PC Sian Evans
Mrs L Aubrey
Cllr J Creed
Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson

F21/2812 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A copy had been distributed to all Councillors and it would be circulated to Members of Staff. It will also appear on the website.

F21/2813 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk reported that the balance at the end of March 2021 is £237,774, however this includes significant earmarked reserves for the end of the financial year. This will be reflected in the budget for 2021/22.

This time last year, the Parish Councillors were working towards the Parish Strategy and keeping in mind the numerous projects and events that were planned. Unfortunately, it soon became clear that the pandemic was to have a significant effect on our ability to continue with some of the projects and the likelihood of being able to arrange the calendar of events was slim. It was also necessary to admit that the reduction in income from the hire of the community buildings would affect the budget.

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Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council and Telford & Wrekin Council have signed up to a Parish Charter –
A commitment by all to work together for the benefit of the wider community.

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PRECEPT 2021/22

In the Autumn of 2020, when Members started to consider the budget for 2021/22, they were very aware of the hardship that many families had faced and the difficulties experienced whilst the effects of Covid 19 had affected work availability. Members unanimously agreed to keep any increase to a minimum in an attempt to support local residents as much as possible.

Therefore, Members resolved to set the precept at £235,273 which has resulted in a reduction of the Parish Council element of the Council by .8%. This has enabled a budget of £400,330.

Councillor H Unwin arrived

F21/2815

THE NEDGE WARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor C Turley and Councillor V Holt had prepared reports for the period from 2019 to 2021 and these had been circulated to all members and would appear on the website.

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SPECIAL PROJECTS

A report had been circulated on behalf of the Parish Council's Youth Provision Partnership which gave details of the work of the Partnership and the importance of the Special Needs Activity Centre – SNAC @ HARP. A copy will appear on the website.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORTS

Hollinswood Primary School had prepared a report which had been circulated and a copy will appear on the website.

Members welcomed Mrs Stolic, Headteacher of Randlay Primary School. A copy of the report had been circulated and would appear on the website. Mrs Stolic wished to thank everyone for their support throughout the year which has been challenging but rewarding and in particular the community for working together for its understanding during difficult times. Her thanks were extended to the Parish Council, too.

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OUTSIDE BODY REPORTS

- a) Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley
- b) TW Bus User Group
- c) CPRE
- d) Shropshire Association of Local Council (Wrekin Area Committee)

The Chairman thanked representatives for their reports, which had been circulated and will appear on the website.

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PARISH MATTERS

- a) **There had only been one item raised by a Randlay resident and it was regarding the ability to be aware of the speed restrictions on Randlay Avenue at school times. When leaving Whitworth Driver, it is not possible to see the flashing lights which indicate the speed at the time.**

This matter has been raised with TWC and will appear on a future Parish Council agenda for consideration when more information is available.

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b) Other matters raised:

- i) Graffiti near to Randlay Shops
- ii) Thank you for the Sit and Chat benches
- iii) Randlay is looking particular good following the Randlay Blitz
- iv) The drain in the underpass near to Fisherman's Walk needs attention. A recent TW communication has indicated that this may take some time due to insufficient funds, the Parish Council will challenge this decision.

c) Thank you

The Chairman thanked all Members of staff for their tremendous support throughout a difficult year.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20pm

Signed Date.....

Please note that these minutes will remain DRAFT until confirmed as a true record at the next Full Council meeting on Monday, 17th May 2021.