

# DRAYTON BASSETT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present: P Millard Chairman  
A Edmond Councillor  
B Reynolds Councillor  
I Watkins Councillor  
G Hemus Councillor  
B Yeates LDC'Clr

Apologies: None

Parishioners: Stuart Potts / Lisa Millard / Janet Watson /  
Ann Foley / Viv Patchett / Bernard Patchett / Alan Wilkinson / Christine Parry  
Webb / Maureen Smith / Judy Williams

Simon Robson Headteacher Manor Primary School  
Emma Brown Manor Primary PTA  
Becky Casey Manor Primary PTA  
Linda Hayes Drayton Bassett Club  
Gavin Traynor Exterius Facilities Mgt

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Chairman Millard opened the meeting and welcomed the parishioners to the Annual Assembly.

1. Apologies None

2. Acceptance and Signing of Minutes of the 2016 Annual Assembly

Chairman Millard requested approval of those minutes in order that they could be signed as a true recording of the meeting.

Approval was given and the Minutes were duly signed by Chairman Millard.

Councillor Edmond proposed the signing of the Minutes as a true recording of the meeting and Councillor Reynolds seconded.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2016 Annual Assembly

No matters were arising.

The Minutes of the 2016 Annual Assembly were circulated to those present.

#### 4. Presentation of Accounts

Parish Clerk presented the financial report to 31.3.17 It was noted that this year end funds were low due to the recent purchase of new play equipment.

No questions were raised.

#### 5. Annual Report of the Women's Institute (WI) – see appendix 2 for full report

The WI reported on their previous 12 months activities of the WI

Main points were they have 5 paid up members with 2 more possibly joining soon.

The donation from DBPC contributed to the repair of the porch roof. See appendix 2 for full details.

#### 6. Police

The police did not attend

#### 7. St Peters Church Update – see appendix 3 for full report

An update was given on the activities of the Church over the past 12 months

#### 8. Friends of Manor School PTA

Emma Brown from the PTA mentioned to the meeting that there had not been a village fayre for many years and asked for the support of the village. She suggested it could be tagged onto the PTA summer fayre. The PTA has 7 committee members all working parents, who meet regularly. There are fundraising events throughout the year and they aim to raise £4,500 at the Summer Fayre on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017

There is match funding, green token scheme and support from John Lewis, Asda and raffle prizes donated by local companies.

#### 9. Annual Report on Manor Primary School

Simon Robson gave an update on activities in the school over the past 12 months see appendix 4 for full details. He was pleased to say the past two terms have been the most settled since he has been head teacher with growing pupil numbers and few staff changes and 97.6% school attendance. – full report see appendix 4

#### 10. Scouts

Nothing to report due to no representative at meeting

#### 11. Annual report Drayton Bassett Club

Linda Hayes reported the club needs support as it costs £2,500 per week to run and is making losses. There are concerns about the maintenance of the car park and have been advised by their insurers that it is in a poor state of repair.

There is fund raising for the Fisher House Trust and Live and Local events through the arts council subsidy.

## 12. HS2 Update

Stuart Potts gave an update on HS2 (appendix 5).

## 13. Grass Cutting Exterior Facilities Management

Gavin Traynor has received good reports on the new grass cutting since they started with the new contract. Linda Hayes said she was very impressed with positive comments from local residents.

## 14. Chairman's Report

Chairman P Millard presented his report to the meeting reminding everyone of the role of the Parish Council which is the 1<sup>st</sup> Line in Local Government whose main aim is to improve the look and facilities of the village. They support local groups with donations and recently purchased new play equipment for the park and are applying for a grant to purchase more play equipment.

There has been a new village grass cutting contract with positive feedback. They subsidise the Community Transport Bus for local residents to get to Tamworth.

They are part of local planning consultation objecting to planning that may have a detrimental effect on the village.

New Parish Council members are welcome and encouraged local residents to come forward.

## 15. Open Forum

Chairman Millard opened the meeting to the parishioners to raise any concerns, issues or indeed anything positive that they felt needed attention or highlighting.

Cllr Brian Yeates asked if LDC can offer any support with grass cutting in particular around the Bromford Housing Bungalows. Drayton Lane verge cutting was brought up and it was confirmed this is the responsibility of Staffordshire County Council. Church Close poor road surface should be reported to Staffordshire Highways, via the website which is the quickest method of reporting.

There was discussion about the football pitch, Cllr Millard confirmed the Football Team has as yet never been charged for the use of the pitch or changing facilities. Kim Shears has helped to refurbish the changing rooms.

## Thanks

Chairman P Millard passed on his thanks to his fellow Councilors who try to make a difference in Drayton Bassett.

Chairman P Millard also thanked the Villagers who have helped input or participate in Village life.

The meeting finished at 9.00pm

Note: Please contact the Clerk if you would like to see any of the appendices.

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