Annual Electors Meeting 2024

Minutes of the Electors Meeting of Stirchley and Brookside Parish held on Tuesday 28 May 2024, commencing at 6:30pm at The Sambrook Centre, Stirchley.

Chair: Cllr C Lloyd

In attendance: C Maclean (Locum Clerk/RFO)

Public 8 members

1 **WELCOME**.

Cllr C Lloyd welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Mr A England, Mr J Loveridge, Mr T Skidmore, Mrs T Wood.

3 **MINUTES.**

The meeting received the Minutes of the previous meeting. It was agreed that these be approved and signed by the Chair.

4 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The meeting noted the following key events and service deliveries for 2023/24:

- Councillors' Known Activities comprising (i) Councillor surgeries; (ii) attendance at meetings of Wrekin Housing Trust at Churchway, Stirchley; (iii) street walks, fly tipping reports, and conversations in the community; (iv) resident support with issues in accessing support.
- Youth provision comprising (i) Family Funday (ii) Links with schools (iii) schools holding sessions in the library (iv) Year 6 panto (v) partnership with Telford Park School through community engagement (vi) FunZone strengthening its offerings.
- New Faces on Council comprising (i) Cllrs Cook and Jolly; (ii) new clients and increased bookings from existing clients.
- The Sambrook Centre involving (i) upcoming review of building signage; (ii) Christmas events; (iii) increased consultation services with Citizens Advice; (iv) parish open day; (v) monthly veterans coffee mornings; (vi) upcoming monthly dementia support coffee mornings.
- Environment including (i) St James church yard being well maintained; (ii) gardening scheme being well used and appreciated; (iii) allotments common areas maintained and increased waiting list. A huge thanks goes to Creed, the Council's Environmental Services Officer, for his efforts in maintaining these services.
- Council Administration continues with minimum skeleton staff addressing a considerable number of legacy issues.

5 ANNUAL REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

The meeting noted the absence of Cllr ARH England and that no report had been provided. The meeting noted the following report provided by Cllr C Turley.

Annual Report From Councillor Chris Turley Representing The Nedge Ward

During the year 2023/24 I served on the following committees at Telford and Wrekin Council:

• Chair of Business and Finance

- Scrutiny Management Board
- Audit Committee
- Appeals Committee and
- I am also the Armed Forces Champion for Telford and Wrekin and Chair the Armed Forces Covenant Strategic Partnership Board.

I represented Telford and Wrekin Council on the following Outside Bodies:

- Granville Country Park (Local Nature Reserve) Management Committee
- Vice Chair Shropshire Hills AONB (now known as Shropshire Hills Natural Landscape)
- Severn Gorge Countryside Trust (Trustee and Company Director)

During the year I held the following surgeries:

- First Monday of the month at the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre
- Third Monday of the month at the Randlay Community Centre
- Third Tuesday of the month at the Sambrook Centre
- First Friday of the month at the Wrekin Housing Group community house in Stirchley.

I also serve on the following councils / bodies:

- Great Dawley Town Council
- Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council
- Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council
- Chair of the Friends of Hollinswood and Randlay Valley

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6 **PLANS FOR 2024/25**

The meeting noted the following priorities for the coming year including:

- (i) Improved communication from the Council
- (ii) Pride in the community
- (iii) Enhanced community engagement
- (iv) Value for money to the parish electorate

Ms S Vaughan-Hodkinson noted the Council had a Strategic Plan which should be reviewed through the year and priorities assessed.

7 **ELECTORS' COMMENTS.**

The meeting noted the following issues raised on behalf of the parish:

- (i) Antisocial behaviour by drivers in the area of Holmer Lake
- (ii) Condition of the car park at the Mallard public house and visibility restrictions exiting from the car park onto Brookside Avenue
- (iii) Faulty temporary traffic lights on Stirchley Road
- (iv) Poor condition of the car park at the Coop store, especially in the area adjoining the medical practice

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