

Annual Electors Meeting 2018

Minutes of a meeting of the Electors of Stirchley and Brookside Parish held on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley, commencing at 6:09pm.

Electors present: Cllr Mrs J Loveridge (Chairing the meeting), Mr T Bate, Mr R Breeze, Mr J Loveridge, Mr G Sinclair, Mr A Watkin, Mr A England, Mr S Parr, Mr G Sinclair and Mr C Turley,

In attendance: Mrs G Bailey (Parish Clerk) Mrs S Middleton (Deputy Parish Clerk), Mr C Corbett (Committee & Finance Secretary – taking the minutes), Mr M Randle, Sophia Vaughan-Hodkinson and Joshua Creed.

1 **APOLOGIES.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Miss S Roberts, BTW Cllr N England, and BTW Cllr C Furnival.

2 **MINUTES** – The meeting received the Minutes of the previous meeting, and they were approved and signed by Cllr Mrs Loveridge.

3 **FAIRSHARE CREDIT UNION** – After presentation of the cheque for £30,000 relating to the Loan made by the Parish Council to the local Fairshare Credit Union to benefit the local community, - the meeting received a presentation from the local Credit Union representative following the opening of the FairShare office at the Sambrook Centre.

Andrea Brodie, Manager of the Stirchley Office, thanked the Parish Council for their investment in the local community and stated that the new office would be open on Wednesday and Friday mornings. She would be in close liaison with local schools and community groups to promote the Credit Union in the locality.

There were some 450 credit unions in the UK and some 235 million members worldwide. They were of benefit to the local community with an average loan in the Brookside area of some £1500. There was a general saving on high street and “other” lenders of £450k in the Parish alone. Local CU loans comprise a payback amount plus a contribution to the customer’s savings account. Therefore, when the loan is repaid the customer has a larger amount of savings than before the loan.

The Chair thanked Andrea for the presentation.

4 **LONG SERVICE AWARDS** – The Chair made presentations to Andrea Warrington, Children Worker and to Cllr Adrian Watkin for long service at the Parish Council.

5 **CHAIR’S REPORT** – The meeting received an Annual Report for 2017/18 from the Chair of the Parish Council. The report commented upon refurbishment of the Sambrook Centre that dominated the year. The Centre now had a new roof with solar panels. The electrical and heating systems had been updated and the new office for the Credit Union had been occupied. Sam Smith had become the Brookside Big Local Coordinator and Keith Whitton had joined the team as Community Project Officer. The Stirchley Community Library was operating successfully since its adoption by the Parish

Council. Furthermore, there was the planned 30th Birthday celebrations for the Parish Council created in 1988.

The Chair wished to place on record, on behalf of all Councillors, her thanks to all staff members for their unceasing efforts during the year.

6 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS** - The reports from Borough Councillors for the Parish were received. Cllr C Turley's report was attached to the agenda and Cllr ARH England commented on behalf of himself and Cllr Mrs Loveridge in stating that they had been heavily involved in recent moves to make safe trough routes to local schools. New car parking spaces had been installed at Brookside and in Chairing the T&W Health & Well Being Board Cllr England stated that teenage pregnancies had reduced by two thirds.

7 **30 YEARS IN THE PARISH** – The meeting received a visual presentation from the Community Projects Officer on “moments” in the Parish over the past 30 years.

8 **ELECTOR'S MATTERS**
Mr G Sinclair commented upon recent incidents of Youths racing motorbikes at the upper car park at Holmer Lake plus litter at the site. The Chair advised that the matter be reported to Borough Cllrs for action. Mr Sinclair also reported of a need for a Salt Bin at Wroxeter Way.

Meeting finished at 6.42 pm

Chair

Date