

Stoke upon Tern Parish Council.

Chairman: Cllr S P Waters

Clerk: Mr G Bould

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at
Stoke on Tern Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions.

The Chairman welcomed the 26 Parishioners present at the Annual Parish meeting, a warm welcome was also extended to Parish Partners Flying Officer Joshua Chrich from RAF Shawbury and A/Sgt Liam Heathcote from West Mercia Police based at Market Drayton.

2. Apologies.

Shropshire Councillor Paul Gill (visiting Liverpool with his daughter), Derek Buchanan and David Gradwell (leave) Shropshire Council and Cllr Phil Butter (work commitments).

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 19th May 2021.

It was agreed by all that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting and resolved that the minutes be signed by the Chairman in the presence of those attending.

4. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: None.

5. Chairman's comments on the last year.

The Chairman indicated it had been a full year, thanks must go to the Clerk for securing resources for programmes across the parish. A huge thank you to those Parish Councillors involved in commenting on a growing number of planning applications, sometimes in difficult circumstances, and the editorial team for producing and organising the delivery of the newsletter. The meetings attention was also drawn to the successful project now underway at Dutton Close to replace the old concrete street lighting columns with eleven new street lights, a campaign that has been several decades in the making but only recently realised.

6. To receive any updates from Partners.

Flying Officer Joshua Chrich updated the meeting in terms of night flying which would operate between the 30th May to the 30th July 2023. Details can be found on the Stations facebook, twitter and web site, the latter can also be used for any noise complaints. The campaign for high vis for horse riders are taking orders from those requiring the kit which can be order from the Station. The use of drones and model aircraft are stickily controlled in military airspace, details can be found on the Civil Aviation Authorities web site. The meeting was reminded of the community projects which trainees from RAF Shawbury undertake and if long Parishioners have ideas to contact the Parish Council who will liaise and develop the projects with the Station. The Chairman thanked Flying Officer Joshua Chrich for his update and moved onto the next item of business.

7. To discuss all issues appertaining to control of speeding vehicles within the parish, items to include equipment, equipment installation and maintenance.

The Chairman open up this part of the meeting up for contributions from the floor as the main item of concern. First, the background to the ideas for vehicle control and speed reduction on Rosehill Road and through Wistanswick were outlined to the meeting. Some 10 years ago the Parish Council approached Shropshire Council for provision/extensions of several poles across the Parish particularly along Rosehill Road, through Wistanswick and Eaton upon Tern. These were delayed mainly due to the way Shropshire's sub contractor was concentrating of highway repairs, then Covid followed by a supply shortage of materials. The poles have recently (March

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2023) been provided to accommodate Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) that could be provided by the Parish Council. Two workshops have been held with suppliers to demonstrate their VAS products. A few years ago local Parishioners carried out a vehicle movement study on Rosehill Road in order to build evidence for the provision of a Community Speed Watch scheme (speed gun). This was assessed by the Police and declined on Health and Safety grounds as not enough space is available at the right locations with hard standings along the road for those volunteers involved to be able to 'jump back' if a vehicle headed towards them and hence is not covered by West Mercia Polices Insurance. This then led Parishioners to look at a system call Auto Speed Watch, a system like the gun only mounted on a pole. Having listened to the updates and background A/Sgt Liam Heathcote thanked those present and agreed to research the systems with the Safer Roads Partnership and to communicate the Polices decision on which would be the most appropriate system to use within the area. On being put to the vote this course of action was agreed by the meeting by a two thirds majority of those entitled to vote. The Chairman thanked A/Sgt Liam Heathcote for his attendance at the meeting and his agreement to research and help resolve which system would be the most appropriate to use in the Parish.

8. An opportunity for any electors to speak on any matter of local interest or concern not already covered on the agenda.

Parishioners present raised the following items:

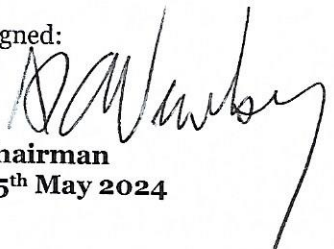
lack of footpaths in the Parish.

Traffic management and weigh restrictions through Wistanswick

9. Date of the next Annual Parish meeting: 15th May 2024

the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and formally closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed:


Chairman
15th May 2024