



HOLMER AND SHELVICK PARISH COUNCIL

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Online Annual Parish Meeting held at 7:00PM on Monday 11th May 2020 via 'Zoom'

Minutes

Present: Marc Mohan (Chair), David Hunter-Miller (Clerk), Mark Millmore (Ward Councillor), Duncan Smart (Footpaths Officer), six members of the public

1. Introduction and Welcome

Marc Mohan opened the meeting and welcomed residents.

2. Apologies

No apologies were received.

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2019

It was resolved to adopt the minutes as a true record and these would be duly signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. To receive a report from the Ward Councillor

Mark Millmore provided a report on the activities of Herefordshire Council.

6. To receive a report from the Footpaths Officer

The Annual Footpath survey and report was available on the Parish Council's website.

Since the annual survey had been completed no additional inspections or maintenance work had been undertaken due to the Coronavirus lockdown.

7. To receive a report from the Police

The Police had circulated the following report:

Holmer and Shelwick Reported incidents between 01/05/2019 – 01/05/2020

Thefts –

13/08/19 – Jewellery theft Holmer

05/07/19 – Wood taken from roof of extension building - Holmer

24/05/19 – Power tools taken - Holmer

Burglary –

08/03/20 – House burglary - Holmer

03/03/20 – House burglary - Holmer

19/01/20 – House burglary - Holmer

20/07/19 – Distraction burglary - Holmer

16/07/19 – Vehicle theft - Holmer

Scams –

23/11/19 – Telephone scam claiming to be a police officer telling victim their cards had been stopped and they need to contact 999. Had quite a few of these over Herefordshire worth updating parish



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members so they are aware of the scam, they normally say that you have counterfeit money and they would send someone to collect it. Police will never contact you over the phone about money, Hang up immediately wait 10 minutes before picking the phone back up and contact 101 to report it to us - Shelwick

Vehicle crime –

06/11/19 – Car had damage to its side believed to be by a key - Holmer

Criminal damage -

29/09/19 – Egg throwing at property - Holmer

27/09/19 – Egg throwing at property - Holmer

09/07/19 - Shed keys taken and CCTV tampered with – Holmer

8. To receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council by the Chairman

Marc Mohan delivered the following report:

Can I just start by saying that I hope everyone in the parish and all our family and friends are well and staying safe in these unprecedented times.

It is clear that we are faced with the most extraordinary times anyone could ever have thought of both in health terms and in the wider economic world.

I'm hopeful that we will be able to return to normal times within a few months but it will be a NEW NORMAL and could take much longer than that, so we must all be vigilant and follow the government guidelines so that we can protect each other.

In the meantime we will have to deal with our parish matters in whatever way the guidelines and rules allow for and adapt our behaviours accordingly.

The format we find ourselves in tonight is one that has been around for a long time and yet underutilised but I'm sure it is here to stay and I'm sure it will evolve into a very useful platform for both parish matters and also in the wider economic world.

So to business and the last 12 months has been a victory in many ways for the endeavour of some of our parishioners and our councillors in the formation and adoption of our NDP.

Once again I would like to congratulate in particular David Cooper for his massive efforts in working through the process with Michael Wellock from Kirkwells and the other members of the NDP working group to produce a very valuable NDP document which was delivered and adopted in an amazing time schedule (although it might not have felt like that to them!).

All that hard work will, one hopes, help to define the next few years within the parish and help us to create a better place for people to live and work in.

Well done to you all.



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My first Thank you is to our excellent and diligent Clerk David Hunter-miller for his outstanding commitment to us as a Parish. We could not do this without you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our new ward councillor Mark Millmore for his thorough and diligent work through the last 12 months in what must have been a very steep learning curve and also thank him for time as parish councillor as well but I hope he will find time in the future to return to that role at some point.

I would also like to thank Duncan Smart for his outstanding work as footpath officer in both maintaining and clearing all of our footpaths and byways for everyone to use. Since the lockdown there has been an extraordinary number of walkers and cyclists within the parish, which is a fantastic thing to see, and its important to recognise Duncan for all his efforts.

Another notable achievement during the last 12 months has been the ordering of the SMART Water Scheme, which we had hoped to launch prior to the lockdown but will hopefully be delivered as soon as we are allowed. I am sure that this will also make Holmer and Shelwick a safer and more pleasant environment to live in.

We have also been doing some pond maintenance (in removing some of the aggressive weeds) and will continue to do this over the coming years so it once again becomes a feature for all to enjoy.

We should also be shortly receiving the traffic calming scheme that the local authority have drawn up after their parish consultations and this will also make Holmer and Shelwick a safer and more enjoyable place to live and work. These plans will include a better walking and cycling infrastructure for everyone.

We have also been lucky enough to receive some fibre optical infrastructure from Giga clear which will help both families and business in the area move faster in this digital age. It's an uncanny timing that this should be available just when thousands of people now have to work from home.

As we all know full well there are many large developments within and on the edge of our parish and I would like to think that our NDP will now allow us to help create a better living space for any new parishioners whilst also giving full consideration to the existing parishioners in creating a better environment to live and work in for many years to come.

Finally I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their time and efforts over the past 12 months in what is a purely volunteer role which I think is sometimes forgotten amongst the wider population.

9. To receive a report on the Parish Council's finances

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's 2019/20 accounts and audit paperwork would be published online shortly. A summary of the figures is as follows:

Opening balance 01/04/19: £21,464.44

Receipts for period 01/04/19 to 31/03/20: £22,172.26

Payments for period 01/04/19 to 31/03/20: £26,144.47



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VAT recoverable 01/04/19 to 31/03/20: £2,172.46

Closing balance 31/03/20: £17,492.23

10. To invite the public to raise any matters of interest

No matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 7:24PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D Hunter-Miller'.

David Hunter-Miller
Clerk and RFO