
Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council

Chairman of the Council: Councillor Mrs Sheenagh Unwin

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on **Monday 14th April 2025** at Randlay Community Centre.

PRESENT: Councillors S Unwin (Chairman)
Katrina Baker (Clerk)

In Attendance:

CLlr J Johnson
CLlr C Prescott
CLlr H Unwin
CLlr S Snell
CLlr P Cranfield
CLlr P Farrar
CLlr R Tyrrell
CLlr P Krajewski
G Johnson
S Fisher
L Seabury
J Olenik
CLlr N Page (TWC Member)
6 Members of the public

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WELCOME

Councillor S Unwin, Chairman, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. This is a meeting of the residents of the Parish, with representatives of the Parish Council.

CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS

It was a pleasure to present the Community Award to Nova Training. The Parish Council very much appreciates the support of Nova Training staff and young people. Their help with local projects and at our activities and events is much appreciated.

We appreciate the help received from our work experience student to joins the team every Tuesday.

The Junior Award was presented to Simon Braisdell. Simon is a regular volunteer with the Parish Council and for the Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley and his help is much appreciated.

The Chairman, and Councillors, congratulated Nova Training and Simon on receipt of the Chairman's Awards, and thanked them on behalf of the community for the excellent work that they undertake regularly.

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APOLOGIES

Councillor S Vaughan-Hodkinson
Councillor J Creed

It was proposed by Councillor Snell, seconded by Councillor H Unwin, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 15th APRIL 2024

The Minutes had appeared on the website following the meeting and had been confirmed at the May meeting of Full Council. It was proposed by Councillor Snell and seconded by Councillor Johnson, with 2 abstentions, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the APM held on 15th April 2024, be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of the meeting.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman read her report. A copy had been distributed to all Councillors and it would be circulated to Members of Staff. It will also appear on the website.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk reported that the year had started with a balance of £163,776 with income totaling £447,072. The expenditure had totaled £481,909 which included £313,104 on the community buildings and projects – which showed a positive picture in support of our communities. The Closing Balance was £128,938.

A significant amount of the reserves has been earmarked for ongoing projects and are identified within the budget for 2025/26.

The report is subject to the external audit and a copy of the balance sheet is available on request and will appear on the website.

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BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2025/26

The Clerk reported that Members of the Finance & Audit Committee were, throughout the process, mindful of the current situation for many residents, especially regarding the effects of the cost of living increases which everyone has been subject to.

Whilst keeping this in mind, Members had considered the need for additional support for our residents and identified, through the Parish Strategy, ways in which the Parish Council can enhance the Parish.

The budget for 2025/26 had been set at £416,520. With the use of balances and proposed income, the precept was set at £285,504 resulting in a small increase for 2025/26.

Members agreed that this offers good value for money for the residents, especially when looking at the range of services, facilities and activities that are provided.

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HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY PARISH YOUTH PROVISION PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk presented a report which is available on the Parish Council website.

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SNAC @ HARP

John, the SNAC Co-ordinator, presented a report regarding the Group and activities that take place at The Pavilion. A copy will appear on the website.

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- F25/226 FUNZONE, WIZARDS, CRAFT & NATTER AND CHIT CHAT CLUB**
Copies of the written reports will appear on the Parish Council website.
- F25/227 PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORTS**
The school reports will appear on the website.
- F25/228 OUTSIDE BODY REPORTS**
- a) West Mercia Police**
Regular meetings and walkabouts take place with the police to discuss local issues and identify matters of interest or concern.
 - b) Telford & Wrekin Council – Councillor N Page**
Councillor Page reported that she had undertaken 5 walkabouts in the parish this month as well as attending the residents engagement sessions and a residents meeting with the police. She had also attended both primary schools and undertaken a Ward Walk.
 - c) Friends of Hollinswood & Randlay Valley – L Seabury**
A written report is available on the website.
 - d) Shropshire Association of Local Council (Wrekin Area Committee) – Councillor H Unwin**
Councillor H Unwin, Chairman of Wrekin Area Committee, read his report and will provide a copy for the website.
- F25/229 PARISH MATTERS**
- a) Matters raised in writing, prior to the meeting.**
Pathway from Delbury Court to Dale Acre Way
A request for street light repairs and surface improvements had been received and it had been explained that this path is across private land and the owners also provide the street lights – the details will be forwarded to Cap Gemini and TWC.
 - b) Other matters raised:**
None.
 - c) Thank you**
The Chairman thanked everyone for attending..

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm

SignedDate.....