

## Minutes of the Weston-under-Penyard

### Annual Parish Meeting

held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Village Hall

**Present:** Linda Dunn (Chair of Weston-under-Penyard Parish Council)

Deidre Byrne, Chris Morris, Bryan Davies, Rod Barker

**Apologies for absence:** Liam Kearns, Paul Marshall and Greg Weston

**Minutes of the last APM held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016:** No members of the public were present at this meeting, so there were no matters to report.

#### **Chairman's Report:**

This meeting is not a regular council meeting but a meeting of the parish electors. At this meeting we should celebrate local activities and debate any current issues.

The one activity which we should celebrate is the installation of two defibrillators in the village. A further two have been ordered to be installed at Pontshill and Bailey Lane End. What started off as a community led project came to involve the parish council and for a grant to be applied for. The community should be congratulated.

Road safety is an important issue to the community which the PC is trying to address. With a major road running through the village the PC is trying to work with Herefordshire Council in order to effect any changes with regard to traffic speed.

The footpath survey, carried out by John Smart to whom we are most grateful, has identified work to be done on the paths and stiles. This work is being done by the Lengthsman and land owners.

The village litter pick is done on a regular basis and thanks are extended to those parishioners who attend.

The Weston Cross Inn became an Asset of Community Value in January and will help safeguard the site.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan was adopted by Herefordshire Council in May 2016 and is a legal document. This was the first one in the county. It was an amazing achievement by a small, dedicated group of people. All our planning decisions are based on this document.

This meeting concludes an afternoon to try to engage the parish in the four non-statutory projects identified in the NP. The PC will endeavour to build on this involvement.

**Open discussion:** No members of the public were present. However, Councillors discussed the possibility that a new Village School might be needed when the proposed new houses were occupied. There was also a discussion about the location of development sites identified in the Neighbourhood Plan.

No conclusions were recorded.

The meeting closed at 6.20 p.m.