

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Weston Beggard Parish

Held at Yarkhill Village Hall

On Monday 20th May 2019 at 6.45pm

Present: Mr Richard Williams – Chair of the Parish Council (Chairman)

In attendance: Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk

Parishioners: 1

1. To receive apologies for absence
None

2. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 21st May 2018
These were signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

3. To receive the Chairman's report
The Chairman gave his annual report – here below:

The year has proved much more settled than of late and we have had a period of consolidation and getting our house in order.

We have seen some improvement to the condition of our roads with further work planned for the coming summer. Herefordshire Council has supplied notices to discourage dog fouling and these have been displayed around some of the footpaths in Shucknall.

On behalf of the Parish Council I have been in correspondence with Bill Wiggin MP relating to the swingeing cuts in central Government funding to Local Authorities which have resulted in a consistent and unacceptable decline in public services. Herefordshire Council has published figures indicating a 99% reduction in central funding since 2010, with complete cessation of such funding by 2020. Mr Wiggin disputes these figures (without providing any treasury data) and there seems little hope with this current government of any reversal in policy. I continue to pursue this however. Copies of collated correspondence are available on request.


Looking to the coming year, we should now be able to engage in a few small projects. I have considered that we could do a regular 6 monthly litter pick and perhaps we could look at arranging a volunteer led transport service for vulnerable, sick or isolated parishioners who have no access to personal transport. Other ideas and volunteers would be welcomed.

I would like to thank our ward councillor, Jonathan Lester, for his support. Also thanks to all parish councillors and especial thanks to Emma Thomas for her expert, efficient and friendly service as our parish clerk.

4. Open discussion of Parish Matters
None

The meeting closed at 6.55pm

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

18/9/19