

# Longdon, Queenhill & Holdfast Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in the Village Hall, Bear Lane, Longdon. at 7.30pm.

**Attending; Chairman,** Mrs. J. Beswick, Cllrs. Mrs. N. Inchbald, Messrs J. Unwin, B. Mansbridge, G. Inchbald, S. Cooke, seven members of the public.

**Three Guests;** Mr. D. Clarke (MHDC), Upton Town Councillor, Mr. M. Ostick and PC Nualls (West Mercia Local Beat Manager).

**Apologies;** From Cllrs. Mr. T. Jeynes, Mrs. C. Davies, District Cllr. Mrs. B. Behan.

## APM114 Declaration of Interests;

Parish Councillors declared no interests.

**APM214 Annual Reports;** The Chairman presented a brief Annual Report on behalf of the Parish Council and announced with regret that the resignation of Cllr. Mrs. C. Davis had been received. The Chairman paid tribute to Mrs. Davis' valuable and loyal service to the Parish Council and in particular her handling of planning matters in a most professional way. Those present recorded a sincere vote of thanks to her.

The Chairman then invited the two invited guests to address Council in respect of Neighbourhood Plans, more specifically in conjunction with the Upton Town Council. M. Ostick outlined the proposed plan and the positive benefits that could accrue for participating Parishes. The likely costs were agreed to be extremely difficult to accurately calculate and the participating Parish Council share would have to be agreed. although grant aid of circa £7,000 was understood to be available from the District Council. Mr. Clarke provided further valuable information and advice, reminding everyone that any such plan would have to be considered for acceptance and approval by Malvern Hills District Council, when amendments could be required. It was emphasised that whilst proposals for local housing in the District Council's local plan could be increased by a Neighbourhood Plan, no reduction could be made by a Neighbourhood Plan.

One member of the public raised concern regarding the likely costs and expressed an opinion that such a plan was unnecessary and that she was opposed to it in its entirety. There were further questions raised, mainly relating to the likely cost involved from those present. These questions were fully responded to by the guest speakers.

The Chairman thanked them both for their time and trouble in providing the valuable information and confirmed that the Parish Council had in fact decided to join the Upton plan initiative.

P.C. Nualls presented members with a full and comprehensive verbal report in respect of local policing. Members welcomed the remarkably low crime figures and were obviously appreciative of the efforts of PC Nualls and the Community Support Officers. The Chairman thanked him for his policing and his kind attendance. At this point the Chairman closed the reports item and read the Minutes of the 2013 Annual Parish Meeting which were adopted. **continued**

# Longdon, Queenhill & Holdfast Parish Council

**Continued:**

**APM314 Public Open Forum.** The consideration of a Neighbourhood Plan, better Broadband provision, a proposed purchase of the Telephone Box, a Parish Council vacancy, the Village Hall problems and other local issues were preceded by the Chairman's provision of individual tables where those present could provide written opinion, as result of information provided. In view of the very small number of residents attending and no response to the table items, no meaningful consultation was conducted.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

Any amendments will be welcomed. (To be considered for approval at the Annual Parish Meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> 2015.