ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
OF
CLEEVE PRIOR

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
AT 7:00 ON MONDAY 14 MAY 2018

01 Chairman: Mrs Sue Robinson

02 Present: S Arble (Clerk), S Robinson, WDC Cllr R Lasota, PC J lee and twelve members of the public

03 Apologies: CPPC Cllr Rhodes

04 Minutes of the 10 May 2017 Annual Parish Meeting were approved.

05 Mrs Sue Robinson, Chairman of the Parish Council Report:

Launch of the new Parish Council Website:
This was launched last year, and we are currently in the process of developing a Village website to bring together all the pertinent groups. The terms of reference have been agreed for the new website and have been reviewed by the designers. This is to be progressed during the next financial year.

Neighbourhood Plan
In September the Parish Council received the report on the NP from the examiner and they expressed their concern at the amount of the content that had to be removed but resolved to amend the NP and move to a referendum. The Chair had subsequent follow up meetings with the Chief Exec of Wychavon and the MP, but with no change to the outcome. The report went to a referendum in February with the village overwhelmingly voting their support for and acceptance of the neighbourhood plan. Wychavon have subsequently approved the plan and the full details are now on the website, with colour documents available for libraries and statutory authorities.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
The multi agency ASB working party has continued to meet on a quarterly basis with representations from the Parish Council, the Memorial Hall Committee, the Police, Worcester County Council, Wychavon District Council, Littleton Parish Council and the Traveller Education Team. This close collaboration has greatly assisted with the prevention and management of Anti-Social Behaviour in Cleeve Prior.

Over the past year the incidence of Anti-Social Behaviour has declined considerably with few reported incidents. There has however been a significant number of stolen motor vehicles, quad and scrambler bikes recovered from Cleeve Prior. Despite multi agency efforts to clear rubbish from fly tipping, this continues to be an issue, a recent village 'litter pick' proved successful, a further litter clearing initiative led by parishioners on the Gypsy Traveller Site is planned.

The police continue to run regular drop in sessions at the Memorial Hall, providing advice and support for the local community.

Thanks to all parties for their valuable contribution in the prevention of ASB in Cleeve Prior.

Parish Wharf

The Birmingham anglers have proposed that they lease the additional land adjacent the wharf to the village for a £1 per year. In December Ian Robinson was tasked with pulling together a draft lease for the council. In the meantime the Project group and volunteers from the village and the Birmingham anglers themselves have cleared the car park and the river bank, and have had tree surgeons to manage the trees deemed dangerous.

Parish Infrastructure:

The Lengthsman: A new contract was signed last June and the new contractor is more professional and we are seeing the benefit in the village.

Resurfacing of Roads and Footpaths: Councillors monitored and liaised with WDC to agree the specification and timing of the works, with Conservation materials to maintain the integrity of the village

The Kings Arms

In October the Kings Arms was approved as a community asset by Wychavon and on the 21st December the Brewery put the pub up for sale.
In January the CPPC gave its support to and resolved to take the initiative to investigate the purchase of the kings Arms and for the Parish project group to lead the initiative on their behalf
They held an EGM in January where the council approved funds for the exercise for the purchase of the pub, should they be required.
The current status of the sale will be outlined in the report by the project group.

Street Lighting

In February a working party was set up to look at the options and the cost for changes to or the updating of the street lighting. This group have yet to report. Any input to the group is welcomed from parishioners.

Planting on the Green

The CPPC gave a grant and approval for the Garden club to do some additional planting in front of the village Hall. We are very grateful for their efforts and their contribution to the village.

Western Power Wayleave CPO land

In March the council approved the granting of a wayleave for western power to run cables under the CPO land on Evesham Road.

Perkins Educational Trust:

There were fewer students applying for grants from the Perkins Trust this year, but the 7 students who did apply all qualified for their grants. Also the Perkins Trust has decided to allow First Schools in the designated areas to apply for grants. As the Cleeve Prior representative on the Perkins Trust I will keep CP First School informed as and when the applications and criteria are available.

Fly tipping and the CPO land:

There have been several meetings with Wychavon with regards the level of tipping on the CPO land with no real effect. Following an initiative led by the Parish Council there have been discussions with the Residents on the Evesham Road site and they have expressed their desire to assist the village to clear the fly tipping and that exercise is still underway.

Finances:
The Clerk reports the precept and related grants received in 2017-18 was £21,840.00 (a nil increase over 2016-17) and the total income received was £28,708.00. The balance of funds carried forward to 2018-19 is a healthy £58,962.00. After a long period if building reserves, it is evident that the street lights and school playground are in need of attention not least for safety reasons. It is therefore anticipated that reserves will be invested in the improvement of these areas.

The accounts are currently being internally audited by Mr Richard Fletcher. An external audit will take place after a consultation period starting in June in which the public has the right to inspect the accounts. Any parishioner wishing to examine the accounts is invited to make an appointment with the Clerk.

Council Grants:
The Council made only one donation this year, but it was in the amount of £3143.00. This donation was made to the Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust in aid of the Wee Project. £2000.00 is budgeted for 2018-19 and all parish groups are welcome to apply for grants.

Due to family reasons, S Robinson will not stand for Chair of the Council.

06 WCC Cllr A Adams Report:

There have been a lot of improvements to our village and the surrounding area, many carried out with the help of the Parish, District and County Councils. Here is a reminder of some of the things that have happened over the last 12 months;-

In April 2017
The new Energy-from-Waste incinerator in Hartlebury went fully operational –in April 2017. This means all the waste in the black wheelie bins that used to go to land fill will now generate electricity instead. It treats up to 200,000 tonnes of waste, producing 15.5 MW of electricity for export to the grid – enough to power all the homes in Kidderminster. The Energy-from-Waste facility is the largest single piece of capital infrastructure in Worcestershire and Herefordshire and marks the virtual elimination of landfill in the two counties.

Neighbouring Villages – I cover 8 parishes and I am always amazed on the number of clubs, and community groups that are organising events every month from rural cinema to short mat bowls, senior clubs to youth clubs, WI to Heritage Trusts; there is a lot going on. Each village has a website, and I recommended your website added all these village websites to your home page.

In May 2017
Speeding – Our local policeman, PC Jamie Lee, carried out more speed checks around the area

County Council elections - occurred Thursday 4th May, and I was re-elected for the second term as your County Councillor.

Improvements to railway - GWR's regional development manager Tom Pierpoint said: "By the end of the year, we will have a much-improved baseline, with new trains, more capacity on those trains, some faster journey times and at least one per hour between Worcester and London." Good news for users of Honeybourne train service.

In August

School funding in Worcestershire going up - The Education Secretary announced £2.6 billion in extra school funding over the next two years, including a commitment to rise the per pupil funding of all secondary schools in the UK to £4,800 per year. Schools in Worcestershire have average per pupil funding of £4,319 so this announcement will have a huge and welcome impact in the county.

Improvement funding announced for Worcestershire Hospitals - an extra £29million has been announced for Worcestershire NHS Acute Hospital trust. At the Alexandra in Redditch, the funding is set to improve the operating theatres so that the hospital can be developed into a centre of excellence for planned surgery, as well as provides a new children's outpatient department, women's centre and improved endoscopy facilities. At the Worcestershire Royal, the funding will provide 81 new general and acute beds and increase car parking capacity by 140 spaces.

Riverside Shopping Centre - Chase Commercial purchased the Riverside Shopping Centre in Evesham, and there are high hopes they will develop it and bring this town centre area back to life.

Mobile Speed cameras in Station Rd/Buckle Street Honeybourne - After many years of lobbying, Safer Road Partnerships agreed to put a mobile speed camera on Station Rd Honeybourne on a regular basis, and are now issuing 12 speeding ticket an hour!

In September

1. **Main Street/B4085 and pavements, re-surfacing and new kerbs** all completed

2. **£6m pavement fund** – the WCC was finalising which pavements in the area will be re-surfaced in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial year. I attended a tour of my Division with 2 Highways Engineers on Monday 11th Sept. They confirmed that building a new pavement at the entrance to the Green was being considered. Whilst walking around all the pavements in the Division, it was noted that a lot of pavements were being damaged by grass and weeds growing on them. As a consequence, I did send a reminder to all Parishes to use their lengthsman to keep weeds and grass off pavements by regularly applying weedkiller.

3. **New Warwickshire Signage** – At last Warwickshire have erected their signs around the area to divert HGV's from using the Bidford upon Avon Bridge. Worcestershire erected their HGV signs about 6 months ago. So on all routes from A46 Badsey junction to Buckle Street there are clearer HGV signs warning of weight limits and weak bridges.

4. **Narrow pavement by village hall.** I tried to get this widened as part of the recent works, and even to suggest that this could be used as part of a traffic calming project with a "Priority over oncoming traffic" as per Welford. However after a plan was developed by Highways, the Parish decided it was a low priority.

In October

Low unemployment in Wychavon - The claimant count proportion in Wychavon is 0.9% of the 16-64 population, which is still the lowest across Worcestershire

2 horrific car accidents Buckle Street - the front page news of the Evesham Journal said it all. People do drive too fast along this road, so please slow down! Improvements made to the Pebworth Rd/Blakes Hill junction with Buckle Street with white lining and better signage.

£6m pavement fund – The Project manager responsible for this scheme is asking whether the Parish see building a new pavement at the entrance to The Close is a priority for the village. At the moment there is no pavement. The Parish Council said yes, and it was agreed to build a new pavement in the close in the next financial year.

In November & December

New car park at Honeybourne Railway Station – Wychavon District Council working with a local land owner to purchase the land to build a new car park for up to 200 extra spaces.

Street Cleaning – the manager responsible for street cleaning (carried out by WDC but funded by WCC) visited the Littletons Division and agreed to use the machines to sweep the kerbs to remove the detritus and dead grass and weeds. He will review the schedule in these rural areas and may increase the frequency to help clear the weeds and grass from growing along the kerbside.

LPT4 Transport Plan – this has now been approved by County Council, and the suggestions made about improved cycleway into Evesham have been acknowledged and incorporated.

Divisional Fund - Cleeve Prior – grant request for new computer for pre-school – grant approved.

In January & Feb 2018

Cleeve Prior Footpath 553 – re-surfacing and improvements completed

Rubbish - Behind the Gypsy site in Cleeve Prior there were 5 dumped cars, one motor bike and innumerable amounts of domestic appliances/items in this woodland which is owned by WCC. WCC liaised with tenant farmer and agreed he would arrange for them to be removed. .
Kissing Gates - path upgrade project for CP569 & CP559

Divisional Fund - Mats for Cleeve Prior village hall for Yoga & Pilates & Cleeve Prior – equipment for footpath warden

In March & April 2018
New Waste Collection Contract announced by WDC - over the next 12 months improvements will be made in your waste collection which will add batteries and small electrical items to the list of goods which will be included in the kerbside collection – more information to follow.

It was announced that Worcestershire has one of the fastest growing economies in the UK. The District & County Councils have put the economy as one of their key priorities in their corporate plans. A good example of how the councils can attract new businesses into the area is **Boardman Bikes**, owned by Olympian Chris Boardman, who has built a new factory and shop in The Valley, Evesham which will make the Vale of Evesham a centre of Excellence for cycling.

AND lots and lots of road improvements but that means traffic lights and road closures; for example:

Closure of Offenham Rd to install a new storm drain – the closure of the Offenham Rd has now been from 2nd April till 22 April, then traffic lights from 23rd April to 14th May, and then traffic lights from 16th May until 6th June.

Repairs and re-tarmacking of footways Blacksmith Rd, South Littleton -

A46 Evesham Bypass closed overnight in both directions by Highways England To improve the road markings and signs and replacing the anti-skid surfacing on the roundabout approaches, and install a new pedestrian crossing point to make it safer for all users when crossing this busy road.

Station Road Offenham/Blackminster – Surface dressed – all completed

Honeybourne Road Closure C2049 Stratford Road, Honeybourne - Network Rail are carrying out bridgeworks to bridge parapet

Station Rd, Honeybourne - Road Closure for 1 day for surface dressing sometime between 21/05 - 01/06

1 day road closure B4085 Birmingham Road, Badsey -for surface dressing sometime between 11/05 - 20/05

M5 junction 6 improvement work from 30 April 2018 and last until Spring 2019 by Highways England. As part of the improvement scheme to increase capacity of the junction by widening the roundabout, the slip roads and all the approaches. To improve the flow of traffic around the junction, and to install two new sets of traffic signals at the junction at the A4538 Pershore Lane South and the A449. Also put new road surface, road markings, signs and street lighting in place to make it safer around the junction. Highways England Customer Contact Centre on **0300 123 5000**. You can also email **info@highwaysengland.co.uk**

So what a year! So much has happened and improved in the last 12 months.
Wishing you all a very successful and happy next 12 months.

07 Mr I Robinson, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee Report:

The hall is going through a transition with the pre-school moving into the school in the Autumn Term and we have started to focus on re-aligning the activities for 2018, to fill the gaps left by the loss of the morning income.
We still have

- The Short mat bowls has 3 sessions a week
- The bridge has a regular session once a month
- The Tea Shop with 2 afternoon sessions per month for the seniors
- Monthly we have Parish Council and Garden club

We have started classes for

- Circuits,
- Pilates,
- Yoga
- Tai Chi.

The Hall is now housing a pop up bar whilst the pub is closed. We have said to village members that if they wish to have a private party, at which they use the pop up bar, with the funds going to the hall, there would be no charge for the hall.

Hall Fabric
Works Carried out

- We put an outside tap into the courtyard to enable the Garden club to water the planters on the green funded by the Parish Council.
- We have had to renew the sump pump to the hall
- The cellar has been half cleared with renewed lighting, to give space for other activities.

Finances

The Finances are now healthy with a year-end balance of £12,839 which includes £500 profit from the Cricket match which can be used to help fund Village wide events rather than those from individual groups.

Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall - 2017 Actuals

Summary of Past Years Accounts

Income	2011 £	2012 £	2013 £	2014 £	2015 £	2016 £
Hall Hire	2,266	2,194	1,943	2,500	3,122	2,396
Hall Hire - Playschool	1,440	870	648	1,000	£3,060	£3,203
Parish Council Grants	1,500	1,045	3,000	750	1,500	1,500
C.P.Players	0	500	612	600		
200 Club - Net income	470	476	464	1,000	1,510	1,630
Other income	421	164	84	150	£53.00	£56.82
General Income	6,097	5,249	6,751	6,000	9,835	8,986
Wychavon Grant heating						2,710
Rooftop grant broadband						322.8
Event Fund Raising	2,430	4,014	2,403	4,000	incl	6150.3
Bar						
Village fund						
Xmas Fayre	923	853	554	800		
Event income	3,353	4,867	2,957	4,800	3,985	9,183
Total Net Income	9,450	10,116	9,708	10,800	13,820	18,169
Expenditure						
Cleaning	3,706	3,789	4,156	4,200	1,727	2,306
Cleaning Mat						
Gas,Electricity & Water	1,734	2,031	2,318	2,450	1,463	1,568
Insurance	1,228	1,255	1,270	1,300	1,357	1,648
Reps & Maint. - Annual	977	408	1,820	1,000	448	8,775
Reps & Maint. - Additnl.	460	0	1,213	500		
Prin'g. Stat'ry. WiFi	135	81	93	100	115	88
Other Costs	209	346	255	250	270	48
200 club					1,000	1,020
Bar						
events excl Bar					2,313	4,117
	8,449	7,910	11,125	9,800	8,693	19,574
Fixed Assets	0	0	7,989			
Total Expenditure	8,449	7,910	19,118	9,800	8,693	19,574
Net Surplus/Loss	1,001	2,206	(9,410)	1,000	5,127	-1,405

Net Year End Funds	2012 £	2013 £	2014 £	2015 £	2016 £	2017 £
Bank	11,172	1,766	5,007	9,148	8,395	12,771
un presented cheques				521	-3,089	-1,687
un deposited income					3,329	1,122
Balance				9,690	8,636	12,206
Cash	50	1	35	103	176	71
Bar Stock	340	385	356	129	212	563
Total Funds	11,562	2,152	5,398	9,922	9,024	12,839

2017 Accounts

Annual Budget £	Actual to date £
2,500	2,747
3,000	£2,350
1,500	1,500
1,500	1,680
300	
8,800	8,277
	0.00
4,540	1,944.50
0	3,338.05
	£ 500.00
4,540	5,783
13,340	14,059
2,500	1,917
	163.28
1,600	1,772
1400	1,343
700	253
500	
304	243
250	244
1000	700
	2,512
2,638	1,056
10,892	10,244
10,892	10,244
2,448	3,815

Income

Hall Hire	Budget	Actual
Pre school	£3,000	£2,350
SMB	£1,200	£1,261
PC	£156	£1,500
Greenwood	£216	£0
Other bookings	£602	£1,230
Village Fund		£ 500.0
Gardenclub		156.00
	£5,894	£6,341

Other Income	Budget	Actual
tea room		£100
Mic donations		£0

General Fund B/Fwd.		Previous Year
Cheque Accounts	£	£
Lloyds TSB	£ 12,200.0	£ 7,825.00
Savings A/c		
Lloyds TSB	£ 570.6	£ 570.6
Cash Balances	£ 71.3	£ 176.4
Bar Stock	£ 882.5	£ 211.7
Un presented cheques	-£ 1,687.0	-£ 3,088.55
Un Deposited income	£ 1,122.0	£ 3,328.56
Total Fund	£ 12,838.4	£ 9,023.77

Profit for the year based on the balanced account: £3,815

Movement 2016 to 2017 based on bank account: £3,816

Audited & Approved:

Date:

Subject to Audit

Value of Memorial Village Hall Account	£12,339.41
Monies held by Memorial Hall on behalf of the Village	£500.00
	£12,839.41

Administration

We also wish to thank Sal for agreeing to take on the role of booking Secretary, which she will do as part of the management of the hall. This will be on a paid basis in line with the current rate for cleaning.

08 Mr B Taylor, Chairman of the Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust and the Millennium Green Trust Report:

The Trust celebrated 21 years of history this January, the first 15 recorded in detail in the book 'Greening the Village' written by Drs. Don and Linda Warren, now retired to the Isle of Wight. [A copy is in the tea room]

Set up principally to secure land from unwanted development, the Trust's objects are to secure, renovate and improve the 27 acres of traditional orchards, open spaces , woods and ponds , and the farm buildings that make up the curtilage of Field Barn, for the education and recreational use by the local community.
To this end the Trustee team, namely Brian Taylor, Keith Richards, David Davenport, Philip Garnet-Clark and Gina Carr, plus Nick Bury as non executive chairman, with the considerable help of a more than willing team of volunteers, have completed a daunting year of challenges. We include Merlin Mather [Trustee retired 2017] in our team and give grateful thanks for his long term contribution.

The year has been overshadowed by the 'Wee Project'. The Trustees took the decision in 2016 to fund the connection to the main drains, which meant that we could reliably seek grant funding for the new toilets. Work started in Feb 2017 and finished in October- and what a labour of love that turned out to be. The four main protagonists, John Arkell, Albert Leese, David Davenport and Graham George, worked for four days a week for months. The result is an exceptionally professional toilet block that anyone would be proud of, and we are all indebted to the team for such a magnificent effort that endows the Trust with facilities we can use with confidence! We can now look forward to hosting events, and visits by schools and other groups, including OAP's, with loos designed to 'disabled' status.

The other major work involved felling a large number of conifers in the Top Wood, which were endangering our neighbours, and using them to barricade the perimeter of the wood.

Another project was the clearing of the pond in the 'Wild Life Sanctuary' and making the area safe to visitors [Thanks to Peter and Sally]. The Sanctuary is enjoying a new lease of life with many more birds being sighted.

The Trust is funded chiefly through grants from Government bodies. The Basic Payments Scheme [Defra- EU money and awarded to all farmers who register] and the Higher Tier Stewardship Scheme, administered by Natural England. We have just finished the 10 year scheme set up by Don and Lin in 2007, and have yet to start our new scheme, held up by administrative problems.

Other funding comes from donations from supporters, and we are hugely indebted to estate of Dawn Wigley, for which we will be eternally grateful. We have also received grants from our own Parish Council, County Councillor Alistair Adams, the Marsh Christian Ass., and Severn Waste through 'Welcome to our Future'.

We have been successful with our events this year, thanks to the loyal support of the community, raising some £2,500, mainly from the Food and Craft Fayre in June and the Plum Pick and Pimms events at the August Bank holiday. As ever we were worried that the Plums would be over, but the rain held off and we all had a grand day, thanks to the willing helpers.

We also hosted a Boules challenge, with the Bowls Club, [we won], and had two Apple Pressing days, producing juice for pasteurising in bottles [lots left] and a 150 litre barrel of Cider, that is now fit for bottling. We could do with some volunteers.

The 'Perry Pear' orchard, off Quarry Lane, is the site for the 'Forest School' run for primary school children by St. Andrews First School, and we expect the Vale School, Evesham, to send pupils now the toilets are completed.

Management of the Trusts properties has again been challenging, with exceptional grass growth this spring and then very dry into November followed by continuous rain to date. We had 'Fly Grazing' by horses in Earl's Lane Orchard [not allowed under Stewardship terms], which took several weeks to resolve. Western Power had to trim back sections of the hedge on the Millennium Green, and the gatepost was smashed by a local contractor. But the weekly tasks of mowing grass, maintaining the machines, spraying for weeds, strimming grass and weeds, pruning fruit trees, clearing scrub and brambles, repairing fences and gates, spreading wood chip round trees and along paths, -- all seem to get done[after a fashion] and we are here to tell the tale, just a little older. We need more wood chip if we are to continue dressing paths as well as the trees, so think of us when you prune your trees and hedges.

We have several large projects lined up for the future, so if any one feels like getting involved there are always jobs to be done. We intend to resurface the path in the Community Garden, expand the area for storing wood chip and build a wood drying area for timber and logs.

The accounts for 2017 are available on request. We had a successful year, but the costs of the WEE project and the Wigley legacy have overshadowed everything else. We are involved with the County Council and their bid for Heritage Lottery Funding, for a project concerning the development of Horticulture in the Vale, and looking at a slice of modern Agricultural History and the effect on Society. Thanks to Ian Robinson, and the Chroniclers, the Hovel [a growers shed] on the Trust's property, has been recognised as typical of the hundreds of sheds that used to pepper the local landscape, and is worthy of renovation and made into a visitor attraction with artefacts and displays to educate young and old as to the part these sheds played in the commercial world of 'Growing for a Living'. We wish Ian and the team every success in their bid for funding, but it is funny how far 'Life' has moved on from what it was even 50 years ago, I know, I was part of it.

09 PC J Lee Report:

Cooperation between the police and ASB Working Party to tackle issues such as fly-tipping and abandoned vehicles has been very good.

There is now a stable team of officers which continues to find stolen property on the Traveller Site. There has also been some minor damage to fences reported which the police believe is preparation for shed break-ins, but generally a quiet year.

Dialling 101 takes caller straight to Warwickshire station. Be sure to contact West Mercia as Cleeve Prior has an immediate contact status.

Still hold a PACT meeting in Offenham about every other month, but this is not relevant for Cleeve Prior.

There are office hours on Thursdays in the Memorial Hall from 10-11AM.

ACTION: Clerk to contact PC Lee to request crime statistics.

10 Mr T Carr, Footpaths Officer Report

We have a wonderful network of paths in and around our picturesque village. It is joyful to spend a little time exploring the paths to see the village from the countryside and the spring flowers at their best.

Your parish path warden Alan Saunders has again been very active this past year, trying and often succeeding to improve the access to paths. We have 5 new kissing gates and a bridge thanks to his efforts. The financial support of the parish council, the County Countryside Access Team and an informal group of volunteers, that battled the wet winter weather, got these jobs done. From the many kind comments from residents it is clear that this work is well appreciated.

We may be the victims of our own success at improving access to the paths, made worse by the very wet winter. The increasing number of walkers had to endure muddy sections of paths and flooded gateways. Attempts to mitigate these problems by laying down wood chippings had short term success, but better than nothing. Our thanks go to the Field Barn Trust for assistance with supplying the chippings. My personal thanks go to the residents who repeatedly devote their time and effort to the task of maintaining the paths. We know that there is plenty more to do but suggestions are welcome made either to the parish clerk or directly to me using e-mail tomcarroct@aol.com.

All the path network can be seen on a map at:
https://gis.worcestershire.gov.uk/website/Countryside/

Use the 'menu' tab, then 'search', then 'place', to find Cleeve Prior. This is a method to request enforcement through Countryside Services.

11 Mr I Robinson, Project Working Party Report:

In line with the 5 adopted aims of the group

1. Ensure projects and events in the village do not duplicate
2. To ensure that any project identified by an individual group has outcomes which benefit the wider village community.
3. To ensure that projects are identified to fit into the various classifications identified by those authorities providing grants.
4. To ensure that projects identified meet the structure required by grant providers
5. Where possible to help identify the sources of grant funding

We have in the last year:

1. Co-ordinated the diary of events for village organisations
2. Identified projects in the village which have been actioned by volunteers for the benefit of the community
    a. The Clearing of the Wharf
    b. The provision of fencing at the school and its erection to safely enclose the pre-school children
3. We have worked with local government bodies on local projects to benefit the community
    a. We worked throughout last year with Worcester County Council and Wychavon on a lotteries grant to improve amenities in the community throughout the vale. They were not successful but have come back with a project which will involve the Chroniclers and the Heritage Trust on a project documenting Market Gardening in the Vale. It will include the restoration of the hovel on Evesham road and the documentation of recollections and stories from the past.
    b. We were asked by the Parish Council to lead the investigation into the possible purchase of the Pub.
    At the present time there is a prospective purchaser and no reason for the village to push forward with the purchase at present, however:
        i. We have carried out an initial survey and costing of repairs, to be confirmed at a later date should purchase be necessary.

ii. We have sought expert advice on the possible rental income that could be obtained through a tenant's lease, which is all documented.
iii. We have the full details of the loan scheme from the public loan body.
iv. We have the expert ready should we need to process a
v. purchase.
vi.

4. We have facilitated grants from WCC for keep fit mats & blocks, for the new exercise sessions in the village hall

We have identified a source of Grant Funding from the fishing/rod licences which we will look at for future works on the wharf.

12 Mr R Lasota, District Councillor:

Thanked attendees.

Appreciates the efforts of the Parish Council as the Neighbourhood Plan was a difficult project, but there was a good voter turnout. Plans to meet with J Hegarty on 18 May.

Damaged fencing could be a rat run for Travellers.

There was a major accident recently involving two Travellers.

There are applications in for increase in Gypsy Sites for Wyre Piddle and Fladbury. There is constant pressure on WDC to provide pitches. The shortfall of sites is unclear, but the current system doesn't work as Wychavon continues to have more than a reasonable share of Travellers.

The misinformation concerning the Kings Arms is unhelpful.

There is talk of one unitary planning authority because of additional expected housing. There may be a long term implication for the Cleeve Prior NP.

11 A parishioner asked if the Evesham Journal could be delivered in one drop. The response was no.

12 Chair Robinson thanked all concerned for their efforts and reports.

13 The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

Minutes prepared by Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council, on 27 June 2018.

13th MAY 2019