

EASTNOR AND DONNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of The Annual Meeting of the Parishes of Eastnor & Donnington
held at Eastnor Cricket Club Pavillion on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.30pm.**

Present: 7 residents of the parishes
Janet Chester – parish clerk

1. Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman of the parish council Christine Stallard-Daniels welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. To Accept any Apologies for Absence

Robin Smith
Ward Councillor Helen l'Anson

3. To Consider Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Meetings held 18th May 2021

The minutes of the meeting were approved and duly signed by the chairman.

4. To Receive Annual Report from Chairman of the Parish Council

This has been a year of recovery due to the Covid-19 pandemic with parish council meetings and activities being disrupted but hopefully getting back to normal now.

There have been a few planning applications none were contentious.

The roads remain in a state of disrepair in places despite the best efforts of our Clerk and Localities Steward to get repairs in place.

May I thank all my fellow Councillors for their help and participation through the year, and look forward to normality in the next year.

5. To Receive Annual Report from Ledbury South Ward Councillor Helen l'Anson

Annual Report from Helen l'Anson, Ward Councillor, 16+ Children's Champion

1. Children's Services

Last year I moved from being on the Adults Scrutiny Committee to the Children & Young Peoples Scrutiny Committee.

The biggest challenge that Herefordshire Council currently faces is the improvements that need to be made in our children's services, so that children and families in Herefordshire receive the help they need and are entitled to. Everyday families in Herefordshire are in crisis and our Social Workers do their best, often in very difficult circumstances, to support families and protect young people and children in our community from harm. In addition to scrutiny meetings the Committee is taking part in LGA led training workshops which are proving very helpful.

We have a newly appointed Director for Children and Young People who has been instrumental in providing stability and permanence to our Children's Social Care Team. A Sum of £11.4 million has been put into children's services.

Next Monday a Panorama programme on BBC1 will be broadcast about Herefordshire Council's Children's Services. This is because a critical High Court Judgement was published on 26 March 2021 which identified serious failings in Herefordshire's Children's Services.

This followed three previous judgements from the same High Court Judge. A journalist with an interest in Children's Services and the Family Court became aware of the further judgement and approached the judge

to be able to report on the judgement and some of the events that led up to it. Due to repeated failures the judge felt it appropriate to highlight the authority's failings. his programme will cause considerable distress. I also sit on the 'new look' streamlined Corporate Parenting Board. Herefordshire Council are Corporate Parents to over 300 children.

I am helping a young care leaver produce a Care Leaver's Cookery Book.

I continue to press for the finding of a place where the young people of Ledbury can meet, which they have been without since the closure of the Ledbury Youth Drop In Centre in 2019. I raise this at every opportunity and put up this banner at meetings

2. Ledbury Food Bank (Trustee)

The Food Bank moved to new premises in December last year and the Food Bank has seen a sustained increase in demand and evening opening is being contemplated. Volunteer numbers are also increasing. (At present spend on food is £3000 per month on food) It is also now a Talk Community Hub which provides some funding for the Bank.

Ledbury has two other Talk Community Hubs, one in the Methodist Church and the other in the Rugby Club.

3. Malvern Hills Trust

I have attended Board meetings, both virtually and in person. Next MHT Board meeting is 12th May.

The Trust is undertaking extensive tree and hedgerow planting (not in National Trust controlled areas,) and doing works around the Hills concerning ash dieback. A higher than normal and a greater diversity of visitors are visiting the Hills, and this puts pressures on parking and paths which are becoming eroded. There are obvious concerns over the increasing costs of fuel, materials, contractors and inflation. MHT staff are to be applauded for their hard work.

4. Malvern Hills AONB

The last AONB Joint Advisory Committee met on 8th April. There are plans that all AONB's be renamed as National Landscapes.

The AONB Nature Recovery Plan is finalised and hopefully will be widely distributed, It was noted that the Woodshed Café and the availability of free parking were bringing in new visitors.

A gas beacon on Herefordshire Beacon will be lit on 2nd June for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

5. Time spent on :-

LTC meetings and Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Ledbury Football pitches and Sporting facilities.

Meetings with residents concerning the restoration and repairs to Ledbury War Memorial

Working with LEAF(Locally Encouraging All to Flourish) on various activity days.

It goes without saying that this past year has presented many challenges and difficulties . Please do contact me , and I will always do the best that I can to resolve any issues and problems

6. To Note the Attendance Record of Parish Council Members

ATTENDANCE RECORD

2020-2021

Name	DEC	MARCH	MAY	JUNE	JULY	OCT	TOTAL
SHANE HOWELLS	Y	Y	Y	Y	APOL	Y	5 OF 6
CAROLINE LAYTON	APOL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5 OF 6
SHIRLEY ROBERTS	APOL	APOL	Y	APOL	Y	Y	3 OF 6
JIM SANDFORD						Y	1 OF 1
ROBIN SMITH	Y	APOL	Y	APOL	Y	Y	4 OF 6
CHRISTINE STALLARD DANIELS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6 OF 6
WARD CLLR HELEN L'ANSON	APOL	APOL	Y	APOL	APOL	APOL	1 OF 6

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ROBIN SMITH	Y	APOL					
CHRISTINE STALLARD DANIELS	Y	Y					
BEN TANDY	CO-OPT	Y					
WARD CLLR HELEN L'ANSON	Y	APOL					

7. To Receive the Financial Report from the Parish Council (figures quoted are provisional and subject to audit)

Opening balance – £1568.55
Income – £5897.66
Expenditure – £4417.84
Closing Balance – £3048.37
Unpresented cheques - £0.00

8. Open Forum - to raise matters relevant to Eastnor & Donnington parishes -*This item to be limited at the discretion of the chairman*

A local resident raised his concerns over road safety through Eastnor. The Parish Council assured him that they are aware of the problems and working towards rectifying them.

Meeting declared closed at 20.05pm.

Signed

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