

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH ON 12.6.19 AT 8.00 p.m.**

The order of events was changed, although everything was covered:

A cheque for £100 was donated to Janet Wakeman of the Garden Guild by Cllr Paul Gilbert (Chair)

1. **Chairman's report: please see attached**
2. **Questions from the floor concerning the chairman's report:** the chairman received questions from the floor
3. **The Chairman to welcome everyone in attendance and ask them to introduce themselves, speaking about the organisations that they represent, if appropriate:** the following people spoke:

<b>Janet Wakeman on behalf of Garden Guild and Knit and Natter</b>	<b>Garden Guild:</b> This group invites a variety of speakers and holds social events <b>Knit and Natter:</b> this is a fun-loving group of ladies ranging from 30 to 90 years old. They come from as far away as Hednesford. They make donations to worthy causes e.g. the Chernobyl Children.
<b>Mr and Mrs Stubbs on behalf of BKV</b>	There has been a BKV group in Hopton for many years but they have not entered a competition this year. They get quite a few donations. Some streets are looking tired and lacking T.L.C. Dog walkers help a lot by picking up litter etc.
<b>Joe Wilson on behalf of HS2 - Community Liaison Officer</b>	Joe introduced the two funding schemes: CEF and BLEF and appealed to the audience to report any garden issues in rented accommodation to him, through the Clerk. Joe made reference to the HS2 drop-in meetings in January, concerning the "Need to Sell" Scheme. As a precursor to the scheme, applicants need to put their houses on the market for three months. Estate Agents CANNOT charge for their services during those first three months. Another Councillor added that if there are untidy gardens belong to rented accommodation a phone call to Savilles of Lichfield will get immediate results. The Councillor agreed to forward Savilles contact details to the Clerk who will then put them on the web site under "HS2".

<b>Sarah Mallen on behalf of Staffordshire County Council and HS2</b>	Sarah said that perhaps the parish council could tap into CEF funds in order to gain a new village hall with disabled access, for example. HS2 will liaise with local developers. If the parish council asks for a tunnel (a major part of the parish council submission to the House of Lords) that's fine as long as a tunnel does not require HS2 to purchase extra land in order to achieve this.
<b>Alan Preece – builder and roofer</b>	Alan acknowledged that his company repaired the village hall roof and said that if the council was thinking of getting a new village hall, his company could help because they have builders and planners within the company
<b>A number of residents from the new estates by Stafford Crematorium</b>	These residents explained to everyone else what the problems are on the new estates – basically Bovis Homes have not honoured their pledge to finish things off properly. At this point the Chair explained that the council had written a letter of complaint on behalf of the residents and this was read out.
<b>Jan Bennett on behalf of the Coffee Club</b>	This club meets on the third Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.
<b>Major Gary Middleton on behalf of the M.O.D. that has an installation in Hopton</b>	Gary spoke about a fund of money called : THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT SCHEME and said that there may be an increase in military personnel coming to live in Hopton. There may be some new Civil Service jobs and building projects.
<b>Councillor Richard Bennett on behalf of the Wood Turners</b>	Richard said that the Wood Turners meet on the second Monday of the month. They have visiting demonstrators and it is a wonderful hobby.
<b>Philip and Jacquie on behalf of the Forget me Not” food van which visits the hall</b>	Philip said that they were “open for business” if anyone wants a food van which serves Staffordshire Oatcakes, at an event.
<b>Janet Stubbs on behalf of Pilates</b>	There are two Pilates classes on a Monday morning - one at 9.45 and one at 11.15 a.m. At the moment there are ten people in each class which consists of men and ladies. The teacher is a qualified physiotherapist.
<b>Patrick Wright on behalf of the P.C.S.O's</b>	No PCSO covers the Hopton area at the moment. However residents are welcome to use the digital 101 system where you just type in your issues and it will be picked up