

MINSTERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

The Parish Council have had another busy twelve months representing and working through Parish matters, on behalf of all the residents in the Parish of Minsterley.

Every monthly meeting we receive a report from our local Flood Action Group, regarding problems parishioners have experienced from the numerous storms which are increasing in number. Our thanks go to Doug Jones and Geoff Brown, who continue to monitor and report the issues which arise, throughout the Parish with flooding.

The Parish Council continue to press for a 40 mph speed area from The Waterwheel down to the 30 mph area near the School. Residents living in the south of the Parish have requested for a long time such a limit. Back in January, we managed to get Mr John Campion, the Police Commissioner to a site meeting and get his support for a speed restriction in this area.

Shropshire Council continue to say it is not on the current list of priority accident sites, and quote a figure of £25,000-£30,000 to implement it. The Parish will continue to request such a scheme be introduced.

Also, thanks go to our local Police Officer, Richard Walters, who always helps and supports the Parish with speeding, parking and other issues which are reported to the Parish during the year.

The Parish continue to report the state of the road network, especially the potholes, lack of line markings and the condition of the road surfaces.

Linking the footway between the village stores and Linden Fields continues through the planning stage with the Highway Authority.

As custodian trustee, the Parish Council was informed of the low number of committee members on the Parish Hall Committee, and the problems which might arise if no management trustees were in place. Hopefully, progress has been made with new volunteers coming forward, who will continue to manage this special asset on behalf of the residents of the area.

The Minsterley Meadows Project which begun with a public meeting back in January continues with the Middle Marches Community Land Trust, trying to purchase the site and protect its special features.

Joint arrangements with Pontesbury continue with the Solar Lights and the Verges Project alongside the cycle/pathway between the two villages.

Planning applications are discussed every month and the Parish's comments are forwarded to the Planning Authority for their information.

The Parish continue to work jointly with Hanwood and Pontesbury Parish Councils regarding the A.N.P.R. Speed Camera Project. Representatives from the three parishes who form the Working Group, which oversees the project, have met regularly throughout the last twelve months, together with West Mercia Police.

Checks and reports are given every month regarding the condition of the defibrillator, bus shelters and the playground areas and equipment. Also, the 80 Parish street lights are monitored for faults.

The Parish continues to help with the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday, held at the War Memorial in The Square.

Also, the planting of the roundabout and spring bulbs continue to be arranged by the Parish. Together with the management of the playing field and the grass cutting arrangements.

The Christmas trees and lights around the Parish Hall were also arranged last December.

The Parish records dating from 1894 to 2020 were inspected and have now been lodged at Shropshire Archives.

I hope this account gives an insight into some of the many items the Parish Council covers during the last twelve months.

Finally, may I convey a few thanks to those who make it happen.

To our Parish Clerk, Ian Hutchison and his personal assistant, Sabrina, who look after all the administration and finance, many thanks. Also, thanks to Steve Pryce and Tony Bishton, for all the work they carry out in the Parish.

May I also mention on behalf of everyone, our grateful thanks to Liz Penrose, a resident who volunteers clearing rubbish from the verges and footways throughout the area.

Finally, thanks to all the Members of the Parish Council, who continue to try to improve and maintain our local area on behalf of everyone.

Geoff Rogers