

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR THE PARISH OF WOLVERLEY AND COOKLEY
HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 2024, 6.30PM, WOLVERLEY CHURCH HALL

1. **Welcome**

Councillor D Cox, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed all present and presided over an attendance of 4 Local Government Elector plus Councillors together with the Clerk to the Parish Council and County/District Councillor I Hardiman.

2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4th April 2023**

The minutes of this meeting were read, and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of that meeting and that they be signed by the Chairman.

3. **Chairman's Annual Report**

The Chairman, Councillor D Cox gave his report.

4. **Reports**

a) Police Report - No Annual Report

b) Annual Report from the Wyre Forest Rural Ward Councillors: Cllr. Ian Hardiman, Cllr. Marcus Hart and Cllr. Robin Drew. Read and noted.

c) Annual Report from County Councillor Ian Hardiman. Read and noted.

d) Any Other Reports - No Other Reports

5. **Residents Open Forum**

A parishioner mentioned the resurfacing of the footpath along the A451 and queried who decides priority for footpath resurfacing and who pays. Cllr M Hart advised that he is the County Councillor for this division and the reason this path has been done is that it has not been resurfaced for over 30 years and the pavement had been completely covered by grass. Although Ismere is small, there are 10 houses and they have been vociferous in lobbying to get this path done. County Councillors can allocate up to £22,500 per year for footpaths. It has stopped at Ismere House as they are having works done but will be extended.

Concerns were raised over the footpath out of Caunsall towards Kinver that has almost disappeared. Cllr Cox and Cllr Hardiman will look at this.

A parishioner expressed confusion about why Councillors have to declare an interest in the Quarry when they are supporting their residents. Cllr Cox responded that advice was taken from the Solicitor at Wyre Forest District Council.

The issue of grass cutting was discussed as there have been moans on social media. The first cut had missed some areas and left mess which was blowing around the roads. It was agreed this needs to be monitored.

A question was asked whether there had been any progression on Lea Lane following the confirmation that it will be re-opened. Cllr Hardiman will enquire.

A parishioner stated that although councillors work hard for residents it is a disgrace that nothing has happened with Lea Lane for 5 years. A recent landslide in Japan was repaired in 48 hours.

Meeting closed at 7.00pm