

PENSAX PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Pensax Annual Parish Meeting held in Pensax Village Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 8th May 2017

Present: Cllr Greedy (Chairman), Cllr Keron, Cllr Rudd, Cllr Weston, Cllr Donnelly, Clerk, 12 Members of the Public, District Cllr Paul Cumming.

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr Ken Pollock, Tim Read and Mark Trigg (Pensax Village Hall Trustees), Police.
2. **Minutes** of Annual Parish Meeting held on 3rd May 2016 were circulated. The minutes were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
3. **County Cllrs report** – Apologies given, report circulated, summary given at end of Parish Council minutes.
4. **District Cllrs report** – Report given and is noted at end of Parish Council minutes.
5. **Police Report** – Late apologies given, due to illness no one was able to attend.
6. **Chairman’s Report** – Chairman gave a brief report. The full report was circulated at meeting, is on website and has been sent to Parish magazine for inclusion.
7. **Pensax Village Hall** – Trustees sent apologies, written report circulated. Trustees are concerned that the Hall is not used very much so income is not high enough to cover costs of making Hall legal to hire out, a balance of £45.00 was in Bank on 1st April 2017. Trustees have been paying some bills and reclaiming money from Hall funds as money is paid in. A resident is organising weekly Sports Sessions for Children at Hall. Trustees have asked if PC can take on insurance costs of Hall as the PC own the building. Chairman asked residents whether they felt the PC should support the Hall by giving some financial assistance. A show of hands was given and the majority present agreed to this suggestion. Matter to be discussed at PC meeting to be held at close of this meeting. The Parish Council would like to thank the Hall Trustees, Thrift Shop Volunteers and Bingo session organisers for working to keep the hall open.
8. **Superfast Broadband** – Due to Parish using 3 different exchanges for their telephones it is a difficult area for BT to put in fibre. The cabinet at Pensax turning will serve Pensax Village and Snead Common towards The Bell. Worles Common unlikely to benefit. Penn Hall Lane and Menith Wood on Eardiston exchange. Residents are advised to check the status of their cabinets at www.superfastworcestershire.com. Residents with no hope of improvements should consider the BT Community Fibre Partnership, costs could be high but the more houses interested the less the costs would be. Satellite is available and Airband are serving some houses in Parish. PC will continue to see if they can take this forward but all funding seems to now be given to rural businesses. When the cabinets that have been upgraded are live residents will need to ask BT for the faster service, it will not come automatically.
9. **Speeding issues** – Clerk has registered the Parish on the Community Speedwatch Scheme. Police will see if area fits the criteria and is suitable for the scheme. If successful 6 volunteers will be needed to help with monitoring speed with a speed-gun, police will write to offenders in the first instance. Persistent offenders may have further action taken.
10. **Pensax Defibrillator** – Defib now installed in Pensax Village Hall porch. Training in its use and CPR has been organised for Wednesday 17th May at 7pm in Pensax Village Hall. Further dates will be arranged. **Booking with Clerk essential.**
11. **Issues raised tonight** – Resident advised she is now the Parish Paths Officer for Pensax, issues regarding footpaths will be passed on to her. Landowner invited her to walk his paths to ensure they are signed properly. Residents thanked the Parish Council for the work undertaken over the last 12 months.
12. **Chairman thanked everyone for coming and meeting closed at 7.45pm.**

Signed----- Date **21st May 2018**
Chairman