

Pendock Parish Annual Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 May 2017 at 7.00 pm at Pendock Primary School.

Present: 5 members of the Parish including the Parish Council
The parish Clerk

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies were received from John Davison.
- 2. Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish meeting of 17th May 2016 were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman of the meeting John Humphreys.
- 3. Statement of Accounts:** The Finance Officer presented the Statement of Accounts for the year to 31st March 2017 which showed a deficit for the year amounting to £5008.35. The work on ditch clearing and fencing of the Moors had started and a part payment of £6,000 had been made to the contractors of which £1000 was VAT recoverable. A further bill of approximately £3,500 +VAT would be expected on completion. The £1000 loaned to Berrow Parish Council was paid back within its due date of 1st June 2016.
Other than the Moors costs there were no other costs different from the previous year.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** It has been a busy year for the Council as there had been a continuous stream of planning applications resulting in 13 new houses in the village and still two applications undecided.
The Bridge closures in January has caused considerable upset, with excess traffic using Netherley Lane, School Lane and Redmarley Lane all of which are single track. The School Lane bridge work is targetted to finish in November not the aimed for target of September and the effects of the shop has been of major concern to everyone. Tom Wells the County Councillor and Worcestershire highways have given the village every support.
- 5. Pendock Primary School:** A written report had been provided by the Head Mistress – Sally Lyndon-Chance and is attached to these minutes.

- 6. Berrow & Pendock Village Hall:** Unfortunately through the year we have seen a down turn in regular users, no Yoga and similar activities but a turn-around in other hire which has doubled in turnover. Hopefully this is due to the refurbished toilets and the result is that for the first time in many years the village hall has made a surplus of just under a £1000.

We had hoped to get some repairs done on the roof, but finding someone to do the work has been impossible, I will have another attempt this summer if I can find the time to chase. The bank balance is now sitting at a healthy £5,200 and I would like to keep a general reserve fund at no less than £4000.

During the winter we had a series of three lectures – if anyone would like to see a similar programme of events next winter please get in touch with ideas and suggestions.

Di shail has continued to manage the bookings, and everyone greatly appreciates the work she does especially under present circumstances and wishes Geof a speedy recovery.

- 7. Pendock Moors:** Planned work on the Moors re-fencing and ditching commenced in the Autumn but was held up over winter whilst it was flooded. The track improvements are now underway and hopefully the work will be finished before the haymaking season. Spoil from the ditch clearing covers much of the ground and therefore renting the field out this year will be at a very much reduced rate.

- 8. Any Other Business:** There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.