

# COLWICH PARISH ASSEMBLY

**MINUTES OF THE COLWICH PARISH ASSEMBLY, CALLED UNDER THE PART III OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, HELD ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2017 AT COLWICH AND LITTLE HAYWOOD VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Cooper (Parish Chairman) and Michael Lennon (Parish Clerk).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Billingsley; Cllr Birt; Cllr Clendon; Cllr Dunn; Cllr Jenkinson; Cllr Wells; Yth Cllr Billingsley; Yth Cllr Dunn; Yth Cllr Sherry; Cllr Learoyd (SBC); Cllr Perkins (SBC) and Cllr Francis (SCC).

**RESIDENTS PRESENT:** 30 Residents were present.

**COMMUNITY GROUPS REPRESENTED:** Allotments Association; Anson Primary School; Colwich & Haywood Twinning Association; Colwich & Little Haywood Village Hall; Friends of Donna Louise Trust; Great Haywood Memorial Hall; Great Haywood Pottery Class; Great Haywood Sports & Social Club; Pheonix Club and the Voluntary Transport Scheme

**SPEAKERS:** PCSO Richard Owen (Staffs Police) and Hayley Myvel & Mark Agnew (National Trust, Shugborough).

The evening started at 7:00pm with a **MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS** event.

The **FORMAL MEETING** commenced at 7:30pm. Cllr Cooper thanked everyone for attending and introduced the new format for the evening.

## MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr Doehren; Cllr Gibson and Cllr Lyall; the Haywood Society; St John’s School; Haywood’s Under 5s and two entrants from the Photograph of the Year competition.

2. **THE MINUTES OF COLWICH PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2016.**

Resolved to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Cooper

**SECONDED** Cllr Billingsley.

3. There were no **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

6. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** were taken during individual items.

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

The Chairman introduced the two National Trust representatives from the Shugborough estate who gave a short presentation on the work undertaken by the Trust since they took over the day-to-day running of the estate.

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The estate will now be open 364 days per year. Cows, sheep, pigs and chickens will be returning but many have been moved off the site whilst the works have been underway. The Lichfield apartments have been closed due to health and safety concerns over the stairs.

Thousands of metres of fencing will be removed in an effort to open up more of the estate to visitors. Both tearooms have been refurbished as has the shop.

In response to questions from the floor the National Trust representatives confirmed that:

- They are intending to return the estate to open parkland;
- Will reintroduce the original Lichfield Drive;
- The rationale of the Trust is conservation, not the provision of sport, to support the Grade I listing;
- Will keep the Lodge Gate entrance open but will spot-check passes;
- The Apartments will re-open once the staircase has been fixed;
- Animals which have a historic link to Shugborough will be reintroduced.

The Chairman thanked the Hayley and Mark from the National Trust.

The Chairman introduced the Staffordshire Police representative who confirmed that his patrol area covered the Parish, Baswich and parts of Stafford.

The police are considering ways to address speeding through the village and anti-social behaviour.

There has been an increase in burglaries. The PCSOs are looking to work with communities to raise awareness of crime prevention strategies and advice including the possibility of Smartwater®.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Owen.

**5. CHAIRMAN OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL.**

Youth Cllrs Billingsley and Dunn addressed the Assembly. They confirmed that the Youth Council provides an important opportunity for the voices of young people to be heard. The Youth Council is considering a series of issues including bullying, littering and vandalism. It would like to look at re-introducing a summer fete possibly at the JPF.

The Youth Council has its own area of the website and its meetings are treated the same as for the Full Council. There is a link Cllr who advocates on their behalf with the Full Council.

**4. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT.**

The Chairman launched the Colwich Parish Council Annual Report for 2016/17. The Chairman highlighted some of the major events during the year:

- The neighbourhood Plan passed referendum on 16<sup>th</sup> September and was “made” by Stafford Borough Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016;
- Funds had been provided to the Memorial Hall to tarmac the remainder of the car park;
- The Youth Council had been set-up;
- Two lengthsman had been employed: Ian Deans and Phil Russell;
- Long-standing Parish Councillor John Coates had resigned following his move to Scotland and been replaced, through co-option, by Cllr Wendy Wells;

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- A refurbished play area had been installed at the JPF;
- The CCTV system was being used to detect fly tipping and vandalism – pictures being shared with appropriate authorities;
- The Council had received very positive feedback from the independent internal auditor;
- A Community Speedwatch team had been set up;
- Two defibrillators had been installed;
- The Council’s new website was fully operational

**8. THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE YEAR 2016/17.**

The Chairman announced the result as:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Gill Spencer  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Jamie Smith   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Cassie Pinder |

who each received a certificate. Gill Spencer was awarded a shield to retain until the 2018 Parish Assembly.

**9. THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2016/17.**

The Chairman announced that Mr Dave Robbie was the inaugural winner of the award.

Besides being the local historian, Mr Robbie Chairs the Colwich Parish Great War Commemoration Committee; is responsible for investigating and promoting Great Haywood's association with JR Tolkien including organizing the Tolkien exhibition which is currently touring a number of Staffordshire libraries and is recognised as the world expert on Tolkien’s time in Staffordshire during World War I.

Mr Robbie was presented with a shield to retain until the 2018 Parish Assembly.

**10. CLOSE.** The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and declared the meeting closed at 9:04pm.

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