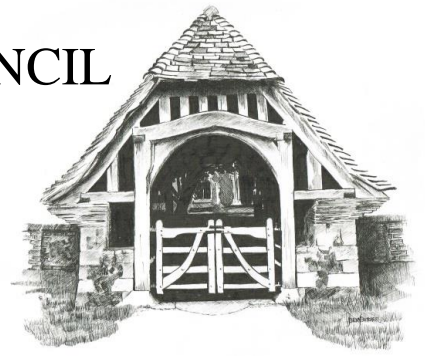


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## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting**

Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 in the Neville Hall at 7pm

Present: Mike Kay (Chairman)  
John Birkett (Vice Chairman)  
Clive Scott Hopkins  
Katie Sarsfield  
Mark Hipgrave  
MJ Streater (Clerk)

Also present 14 Members of the public.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Suzy Young, Maggi Bevan, Cllr Maureen Hunt, Cllr Carwyn Cox, Cllr David Evans.

### **2. Minutes**

It was noted that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017, were approved by the council and signed at a Parish Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

### **3. Report from the Parish Council**

The Chairman's report is attached.

### **4. Updates from the Charities**

The WSL Charities – Richard Sykes  
Neville Hall Charitable Trust Chairman's Report – John Birkett  
Neville Hall Annual Overview – John Kiss

The reports are attached

### **Questions**

Clive Scott-Hopkins questioned whether we should be more actively promoting The Bell given its unique history and its status as the last remaining 'Pub' in the village (as opposed to Restaurant like The Shurlock Inn).

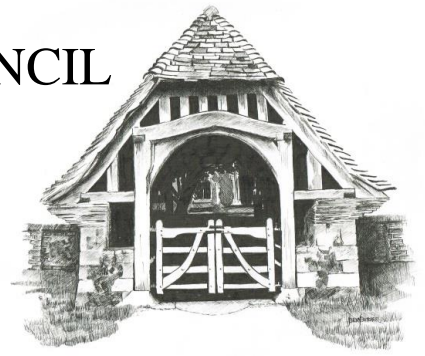
The Chairman of the Charities commented this was more a role for the Tenants, who had negotiated very strongly at their most recent rent review to ensure they were able to maintain their competitive edge despite the limitations concerning their lack of covers due to constraints of the 14<sup>th</sup>C building design.

A member of the public commented that in his memory and experience the Twins as Tenants were performing a great job providing exactly what the villagers want.

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The Chairman confirmed The Bell is the main source of income for the Charities, and that the idea of donations being sought is a fact, details of which are being published in the Lychgate. This will include the opportunity to leave money to the Charities in Wills through My Donate, which imposes no fee.

5. The St Lawrence Café Isabelle Crawley-Boevey.  
The report is attached.

6. The Village Show Juliet Goodman.  
The report is attached.

7. The Village Fête Mark Hipgrave  
The report is attached.

8. The Silver Band Read by Katie Sarsfield  
The report is attached.

9. Update from the Village School Mrs L-J Ellerton  
The report is attached.

Clive Scott Hopkins questioned whether parking outside the school. It was confirmed that this can still be an issue though the yellow lines help, and an occasional appearance by the Local Community Warden does encourage parents to park more responsibly.

John Birkett thank the Charities for their donations towards materials to smarten u the School Gardening Club

## General Question Time

A member f the public asked whether there could be a coordinated approach to publicising village organisations and their activities, perhaps in the Lych Gate. Action: **Clerk to discuss.** All agreed more should e done to help promote the Silver band and assist them in attracting new members.

The Chairman thanked people for attending, a member of the public thanked the Parish Council for organising the event.

The meeting finished at 8.47pm.