

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday
24th April, 2013 at 7.30pm in Wall Village Hall.

Members Present:

M. J. Crowe – Chairman F. Ellett – Vice Chair J. Linney C Rubisch
P. Sampson R Barker A Ryman

In Attendance:

C. Dillow – Parish Clerk, County Councillor Mrs E Bayliss and 1 member of the public

Action

1. **Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd April 2012**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting, held on 23rd April, 2012 were taken as read.

2. **Chairman's Annual Report**

The chairman read out his annual report (attached to these minutes), the Chairman thanked County Councillor Mrs E Bayliss for all her hard work and support over the last 28 years.

3. **To receive wall parish council statement of accounts 12/13 (unaudited)**

The annual statement of accounts were considered and approved and signed by the Chairman

4. **To receive analysis of annual maintenance programme for St Johns Church Wall**

The clerk tabled copies of the maintenance programme and this was noted.

5. **Any other business**

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for Attending and for their contributions and closed the meeting.

Chairman's Report 2012 / 2013

For the first time last year the Parish Council entered the Staffordshire best kept village competition and came third in the small village category which surprised us all and this year we have entered again hopefully with the same or even better success it is hoped that residents will join with the council and enter into the spirit of the competition. We do have based at Wall a community payback team in conjunction with the probation service who normally work on Sundays and this has allowed us to keep certain areas of the village and surroundings tidy also to do regular cleaning of the village hall. We have also made use of Staffordshire Highways lengths man scheme which allows use to direct contractor to deal with specific issues in the parish such as keeping verges tidy.

The Heritage site attracts a large number of visitors through out the year and we are grateful to the Friends of Letocetum Volunteers for manning the site at specific times and opening the museum, we will continue to work with them to ensure this attraction is kept open and accessible.

During November of last year saw the erection and unveiling of the Jubilee monument in the form of a replica Roman Milestone and were extremely honoured to have the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire to officiate at the unveiling ceremony to represent Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in whose honour it was erected.

The Wall heritage trail still remains popular with a regular sighting of people walking the route; this along with visitors to the Roman site benefits the tourism in local district as well as benefitting The Trooper.

There has been one development that has made a specific impact on the area and that is the restoration of The Muckley Corner Hotel and Hotel Buildings site, this has turned what had become an eyesore back into residential use with the restoration of the cottages that some of us may remember but unfortunately without a shop and post office that we once used to have.

Community speed watch, this had to be suspended for a time due to lack of refresher training availability but I am pleased to report that training has now been updated and we have a team of three councillors trained or retrained so we can again carry this out in certain designated areas, if any one wishes to assist with this scheme please advise the parish clerk.

We will continue to support St Johns Church with financial and practical assistance to maintain the graveyard and surrounds

I would like to give special thanks to County Councillor Erica Bayliss who is standing down shortly after nearly thirty years of representing us at county level, she has supported us in a number of issues over the years and has always been there with helpful advice and support.

Chairman

Date