

MINUTES OF THE NASH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 21st 2024 at 7.00pm

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PRESENT: Peter Stubbs (Chair), Stuart Lapper (Vice Chair), Griselda Beaumont, Liz Troman, Alan Verth

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Vint (Clerk); Councillor Richard Huffer

1. CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT – Peter Stubbs

- Thanks to the hard work of the councillors and the support of the community, Nash Parish remained in the Clee Hill Ward, despite Shropshire Council's proposal to move it under Cleobury Mortimer
- The SmartWater crime deterrent initiative was a great success and only 7 kits remain out of the 60 purchased by the council.
- Sue Jones stood down as Parish Clerk in September 2023, to be replaced by Angela Vint. Thanks to Sue for her years of service and support to the parish council.
- The council kept within budget with a surplus of £244 at the end of the 2023/24 financial year and took forward a balance of £4,537.21 in to the 2024/25 financial year
- Full accounts will be available for public scrutiny on the parish council website from 3rd June to 12th July www.nashpc.org.uk

2. UNITARY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Richard Huffer

- Since the creation of the unitary authority and the disbanding of the district councils, decision-making has become very centralised and focused on Shrewsbury and the immediate surrounding areas.
- Even with a general election on the horizon, it is unlikely that this will change, irrespective of any one political party having a majority. Communities in the south of Shropshire will continue to receive little recognition, support or resources, exacerbated by Shropshire council's need to find more than £60m of savings.
- Centralisation, staff reductions and working from home means it is extremely difficult to get time with Officers and any meetings that do take place do so remotely
- Thanks to Nash Parish Council for their hard work on behalf of the local community: it is good to see a parish council that works as a team to the benefit of its residents

3. VILLAGE HALL REPORT – Stuart Lapper

- Reasonable level of public use for private functions and local fundraisers
- Very poor local response to organised functions a number of which have been cancelled due to lack of interest
- Future use of the hall will have to be driven by local community
- Plans to develop the hall have been approved and architect's finalised drawings have just been received by the committee
- Quotes for the work will be sought in June, with a budgeted maximum spend of £160k

- The hall will be closed during the renovation work, which is likely to take place winter 2024, although every effort will be made to keep it operational, taking into account access and safety requirements
- The Village Hall AGM will take place 7pm on 17th June to which all are welcome