

**Minutes of Broseley Annual Parish Meeting  
held at 7.00 pm on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
at the Birchmeadow Centre, Broseley**

**Present**

Mayor, Councillor S Harris (in the chair), Shropshire Councillor J Jones, CSO M Watkins, 10 members of the public.

**1. Report of the Mayor, Councillor Simon Harris**

The Mayor thanked the Town Councillors for their hard work and enthusiasm during the year. He referred to several local projects and voluntary groups, including Broseley Life Skills, Broseley in Bloom, the Youth Club, the Birchmeadow Centre Management Committee, the Christmas Lights Committee, the Music Festival and the dog poo campaign. The Mayor thanked all those involved.

The Mayor reported that the sculptures from the Power Station were now in place around the town and thanked all team members for their contribution. The sculptures had been well received and were helping to encourage more tourists into the town. The Council was supporting the VisitBroseley website on which volunteers provided information for residents and visitors to the town on what to see, where to go and local services.

Finally, the Mayor thanked those Councillors who had sat on the asset transfer committee and had negotiated with Shropshire Council for the transfer of the library, car park and two open spaces to the Town Council.

**2. Report of Shropshire Councillor, Jean Jones**

Shropshire Councillor Jean Jones presented her report. She drew attention to the following:

- the financial position of Shropshire Council
- highways matters, including HGV traffic, resurfacing of roads and speeding.
- planning matters
- the transfer of assets.

Councillor Jones thanked the Town Council and the volunteers in the town for their contribution to the community.

**3. Report from Community Support Officer, Michael Watkins**

CSO reported that Broseley was a very local crime area and that there was currently also a low level of anti-social behaviour in the town. The nature of local policing was changing and front line officers were now having to deal with additional matters such as mental health issues and checking on the welfare of vulnerable people. A CCTV system had recently been installed in Much Wenlock and a similar system in Broseley could help the police. A programme of speed monitoring was in place. CSO Watkins and his colleagues were currently working out of the Bridgnorth station, following the closure of the Much Wenlock station.

**4. General Town Matters**

The following matters were raised by members of the public:

- a. Concerns about people riding mini-motorbikes in town without helmets and scrambler motorbikes coming through the town.  
CSO Watkins replied that the police could take action but needed timely alerts and evidence in order to do this.
- b. The potential benefits of CCTV in the High Street?  
Grants were available from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

- b. Required improvements to pavements, e.g. dropped kerbs for better wheelchair access.  
Shropshire Councillor J Jones replied that the Highways department at Shropshire Council would look into this but there was no dedicated funding available.
- c. Problems with on street parking throughout the narrow roads in the town.  
Parking restrictions had been introduced in some parts of the town but the narrow streets in the town and increase in the number of cars continued to present problems.
- d. Telephone fraud and scams.  
The police would refer those affected to “Action Fraud.” It was noted that companies such as Microsoft and BT would not cold call so callers claiming to be from those organisations should be ignored.
- e. Praise for the new LED street lights in Collins Close and an enquiry about more.  
Councillors were moving forward with this project and planned to install additional LED lamps on Town Council owned street lights.
- f. Congratulations on the installation of the mining sculptures from the Power Station.  
A heritage trail was being developed to include the mining history of the town.  
There were plans to re-print the Broseley town leaflet with the addition of the sculptures.