

ANNUAL BARTESTREE PARISH MEETING

**HELD AT 7.00pm ON TUESDAY 8 MAY 2018
IN BARTESTREE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mrs Wendy Soilleux – Chair as Chair of the Parish Council

In attendance: Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk

Parishioners: 9

1. **To Accept Apologies for Absence**
None
2. **To Receive Declarations of Interest**
None
3. **To Adopt the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 9 May 2017**
Approved and signed by the Chair
4. **To Receive the Chairman's Report**
The Chair delivered her annual report for the year 2017-18. - Attached
5. **To Receive a Report from the Diana Caroline Hopton Charity**
The Chair delivered the report - attached
6. **To Receive Questions from the General Public**
None

Signed: _____ Date: 14-05-19.

Bartestree with Lugwardine Group Parish Council

Chair's Report 2017/18

Bartestree with Lugwardine Group Parish Council Chair's Report 2017/18 This year has once again been a very busy one. We have seen two new housing developments taking shape, held extensive consultations with parishioners to determine possible uses of the 'gifted field' and had a change of Parish Clerk.

Our former Parish Clerk, Eve Wilson, left us at the end of September after four gallant years, during which time she achieved Qualified Clerk Status. We thank her for her hard work and commitment and wish her all the best in whatever she chooses to do next.

In October we welcomed our new Parish Clerk, Emma Thomas, who has settled in and familiarised herself with our group parish very quickly. She also achieved Qualified Clerk Status in December. We offer her a warm welcome and hope that she will remain with us for many years.

Work has continued on both the Quarry Field and Malvern View sites and some families have already moved into houses in Malvern View. This means that the first S106 money has been released and we now have the responsible job of deciding how it is to be spent. Some is earmarked to improve the two play areas and a small group of parish councillors and residents are preparing proposals for us to consider. The Parish Council is currently negotiating with Herefordshire Council to take over ownership of the Frome Park green open space and play area. We hope that some of the S106 money can be used to widen the entrance to the Village Hall and to improve the footways throughout the group parish.

The members of the Planning Committee have used the Neighbourhood Plan when considering planning applications and the number of new dwellings with planning permission during the plan period 2011-2031 is now 155 with decisions pending on two more. This means that we have already exceeded our minimum target of 152 new dwellings with thirteen more years remaining in the current plan period.

During the year a Task Group of parish councillors, members of the PFA and interested parishioners have met on a regular basis to discuss what parishioners would like to see included in the development of the gifted field for community sport and recreation. Consultation has been extensive and eventually one agreed scheme has been put before and approved by the Parish Council. We have to accept that no single scheme will satisfy everyone but every effort has been made to be as inclusive as possible. The implementation of this scheme will be carried out under the direction of a PFA subcommittee, which will meet for the first time next week.

The Parish Council is made up of a diverse group of people as indicated by the following achievements mainly pushed forward by individuals. These include the imminent achievement of the gifted field and an agreed scheme for its future use; persistent lobbying of Herefordshire Highways to clean out the drains and gullies both along the A438 and in Longworth Lane; constant vigilance and action to stop trees with preservation orders being cut down without permission; the installation of a self-closing gate on PRoW LU5 to prevent children from running into the busy A438; management of the website; attending meetings and keeping us up to date; charring committees and for giving support generally. I would also like to thank Rob Francis, who does an excellent job carrying out the weekly play area checks. Finally, thank you all for giving up your time to be on the Parish Council. We may not always agree but in general we have worked well together and achieved a great deal in the last year.

Wendy Soilleux May 2018

Diana Caroline Hopton Charity

Report for Bartestree Annual Parish Meeting 2018

The Diana Caroline Hopton Charity owns two almshouses, which continue to provide accommodation for two sets of tenants who have been in occupation for some years. The Charity's reserves remain high and the financial base is sound.

The issue of right of access to the almshouses across the unadopted road has been resolved by obtaining a 'Deed of Grant' from the owners of the road. A further issue of one tenant parking on the road has also been resolved by the provision of an area of hard standing within the curtilage of the property.

The Trustees are:

Dr. G Barnes	Chairman
Mr. J F Baldwin	Treasurer/Secretary
The Revd. Prebendary J Davies	
Mrs. S W Soilleux	
Dr. Richard Henderson	

J F Baldwin
May 2018