

North Bromyard Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Upper Sapey Village Hall on Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs: R. Wilks (Chairman), A. Yarnold (V/Chairman), H. Richards, K. Harris & E. Carpenter.

Also present: County Cllr N. Shaw and Parish Clerk M. Alexander and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllrs S. Tomkins, I. Dennis - accepted.

2. Declarations of Interests: None. Councillors were reminded of the need to keep their personal Registers of Interests updated.

3. Parish Council Annual Report by the Chairman Cllr R. Wilks:

- Councillors and the Clerk were thanked for all the work they have done in the past year. Cllr N. Shaw was also thanked for his support for local matters.
- There have been 26 planning applications in the past year, 3 of which have been refused, some still pending.
- Some areas of the parishes have been re-tarmaced by Balfour Beatty this year.
- No funding has been paid to local churches this year as Parish Councils can no longer fund church buildings or lands, including open (active) churchyards. There are other ways in which funding can be given however, for example to fund events, to purchase display flowers and to aid community activities. Closed churchyards may also be funded. The Clerk was asked to liaise with local Churches to see what could be done to assist this year.

4. Democratic Public Time: there were no comments from members of the public, but Cllr Richards raised ongoing concern regarding the activities at Paradise Valley and gave an update as to current residents and living arrangements. There is a noticeable change to habitat, footpaths through the area and planning conditions need to be checked by Hfcs Council. Enforcement visited on 7th April and are awaiting a planning application for the site.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Michelle Alexander
Clerk