

Parish Council Annual General meeting 25 May 2016

Chairman Mr. David Nuttall

Councillors Janet Bayley, Richard Slater, Sir Francis Graham-Smith, Mike Wood. Simon Browne (Apologies) Valerie Dyson (Apologies)

The meeting commenced with the Re election of David Nuttall as Chariman and Richard slater as Deputy Chairman.

The financial figures for the council were discussed and approved. Discussion then moved to the website with input from residents behind the proposed new Henbury society website.

Road safety remains of concern to all. Measures are in progress to install SID and signage on the A537. Andertons lane, Church lane and Pepper Street are also areas on concern with Efforts will excessive speed by motorists and use by a number of cyclists unaware of the use of the road by motorists.

The Local Plan continues to be a topic of discussion between the Parish Council, the Henbury Society and other interested parties. The change on policy on the green belt was a surprise to the council and has been strenuously opposed by the council in submissions to Cheshire east and the Inspector. The implications and long term effects on Henbury would change the character and diversity such that the result would be contrary to the stated view.

Footpaths

Complaints over the condition of the footpath from Whirley to Henbury are an ongoing issue. Councillors Slater and Browne are monitoring the situation and are engaged in dialogue with the PROW team. Footpaths at sandbach farm nos 1&9 are also cause for concern. Following a site inspection the PROW officer is in discussions with the landowner.

Precept

The precept remains unchanged for the financial year 2016/17

Millennium Green

The council believes the Milenium green is a nmajor benefit to the village and will continue to contribute financially to its upkeep.

Village Housekeeping

CEC have a positive approach to housekeeping but additional works are carried out by the council with grass cutting along Church lane and Andertons lane. Henbury Society Volunteers carried out a clean up

operation with great success. It is hard to maintain a good appearance without extra cost implications.

Environmental project

Simon Browne continues to find areas and support for the project. This is an ongoing project and has the full support of the council.

The meeting concluded with a support for the work of the Clerk Catherine Clowes and the support and contribution of the councillors.