

Munslow Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 9th May 2024

Present: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Ed Povey, Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, Chris Meeson, two members of the public and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

1. **Welcome by the Chair of Munslow Parish Council** - Cllr Barbara Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Motley.
3. **Notice Convening the Meeting**
In accordance with Statute, the notice convening the meeting has been duly published on the Council's notice boards and website.
4. **Annual Reports**
 - 4.1. **Chair's Report** – Cllr Archer reported that it has, once again, been a busy year for the council and I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people who work both on the council and behind the scenes. Thanks to Antonia Bury, who has served on our council for a number of years but is now stepping down from the post. Thank you to Cllr Motley and all our Councillors for their continuing help and support. Thanks to God's Acre, Rob Lane and the Commonwealth Graves Commission for the upkeep of our closed churchyard. The Parish Council do get a grant from Shropshire Council for Environmental Maintenance, which we match. This enables us to contract Dave Lewis, our lengthsman, who clears ditches and cuts back undergrowth on our side roads. Also thank you to the footpath group who have given us money which will be spent on appropriate items relating to footpaths.

As you are aware we now have two mobile Vehicle Activated Signs for use in the parish and thanks to the Police and Crime Commissioner we have just been given another grant which will enable us to buy another sign. We continue to push Shropshire Council to reduce the speed of traffic along the B4368.

During the year we have dealt with a number of planning applications and maintained the defibrillator in Munslow.

We have two councillor vacancies advertised and we will co-opt if there is no election called. So, we look forward to some new members of the Parish Council. Please note that all your parish councillors are volunteers and we do consider seriously all that comes before us. We also remind you that each council meeting

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has a short public session at the start which you can come along to, just for interest or to bring concerns about something that is on the agenda that month. The agenda is always posted on the website and on our local notice boards. This is the final year before the election of all the Councillors in May 2025.

- 4.2. Beambridge Village Hall Committee** – Cllr Dobson reported that the committee needs new members and a new chair as Mr Alan Golden has moved away. The Council would like to thank him for his time on the committee.
- 4.3. Shropshire Council** – Cllr Motley had sent her apologies.
- 5. Update on the Parish Council's work to reduce the speed of vehicles through the Parish:** Cllr Povey reported that the Shropshire Council report, stimulated by the Parish Council, made proposals around buffer zones between the villages. There is still concern about the lack of speed restrictions in Beambridge and in the section of the B4368 near the Seven Stars Pub. Due to Shropshire Councils budget restraints it is unlikely that the changes proposed by the report will be implemented in the near future, so any improvements are likely to be dependent upon the Parish Council.
- 6. Consider Infrastructure Projects to Include in the Place Plan:** A defibrillator sited in Aston Munslow – Cllr Archer will investigate possible sites.
- 7. Open Forum**
Issues raised:
- concerns about amendments to planning applications after they have been agreed and the Parish Council is not consulted on them.
 - Support for another defibrillator
 - Satisfaction with the effects of the mobile Vehicle Activated Devices, but there is still concern about the speed of traffic when they are not present.

Signed by the Chair:

Date: