



2019 Annual Parish Meeting
DRAFT Minutes
Thursday 28th March 2019 at 7.30pm at Stainland Library

Present
Councillor J Crossley (Chair), J Goldthorpe (clerk)
Public Attendees: 11

	Item
1	<p>To accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 24th May 2018</p> <p><i>It was resolved to accept the minutes and they were signed and dated by the Chair</i></p>
2	<p>To receive reports from Community Groups and Committees within the Parish (i) Opportunity for groups/ committees to report progress with then Parish.</p> <p>St Helen’s Place – <i>the residents would like to thank the Parish Council for assisting in getting the car park issued resolved which was raised at last year’s meeting.</i></p> <p>Sowood Women’s Institute - <i>This year their members voted to support Overgate Hospice as their nominated Charity and this will be the focus of their fundraising. They will continue to work alongside St Andrew’s Church at the monthly Community Café. In September they will again be doing refreshments for the Stainland Lions annual run. Their 5th Handmade Craft Market will take place at Sowood Community Centre on Saturday 19th September 2019. Two years ago their fundraising funded the provision and installation of 4 defibrillators in Sowood, Stainland and Holywell Green. During this time they have been called for on 12 occasions, but thankfully have not needed to be used. Part of the project was to provide CPR training for all of their members, they are continuing to train and refresh the skills of all 134 members.</i></p> <p>Stainland And District Community Association – <i>It has been agreed that the Association will run for the next 12 months. They are working with CMBC to install goal posts and re-seed the football pitch in Sowood. They are planning to replace the a planter in Sowood with the assistance of a Ward Forum Grant.</i></p> <p>Crafty Dabblers - <i>They are hoping to do a concept for Yorkshire Day this year. There was plans for it to be in the Town Hall but unfortunately this is not possible so they intend to do it locally. It will be a self-funded project based on Calderdale and Yorkshire in general</i></p> <p>St Andrew’s Church – <i>They will continue to serve the community as best as possible with funding and volunteers. This last year they have donated £2,000, supported food banks and Christmas boxes. They run a Lunch Club, Community Café (to which the WI Provide chefs) and a Coffee & Breakfast Club at the end of the month. The Community Choir meets weekly at the church and there are currently over 40 members. Unfortunately they no longer host the Ukulele Players or the Accord Singers. But they still host various concerts throughout the year. The WI have given them a file on the WW1 fallen that is available to view. They have also hosted the Community Christmas Tree Festival and a Children’s Art Competition that had over 40 entries. They had hoped to restore the railings, which survived WWI, but as all quotes</i></p>

	<p>have come in at over £60,000 this project is currently on a back burner.</p> <p>Holywell Green United Reform Church – The Minister has recently retired so they are going through a time of change.</p> <p>Sowood Community Centre – They are hopefully signing up to take a 12 year lease with CMBC in the near future. They will hopefully then be able to refurbish the building and possibly extend. There is also a cellar area that is currently used for storage that they would like to consider converting for an alternative use. They expect they will need approximately £100,000 to £150,000 to carry out the work. They will be looking for funding to split the access to the building so youngsters can be safeguarded. It would also mean that the small hall could be used in an afternoon, which in turn will hopefully increase income. They are planning an Open Day in April / May.</p>
3	<p>To discuss the Council's objectives and projects for 2019/19 put forward by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Due to all the Parish Council seats currently being held by temporary councillors as custodians until the upcoming election in May when permanent councillors will be in place for a four year term, there are no current projects agreed.</p> <p>Over the past year the Parish Council has rejuvenated The Square in Holywell Green, including repainting the railings, re paving the pathways, provided new benches and trees. There is still some planning to do but this is in hand. The local residents were encouraged to get involved and a Christmas event was held in The Square.</p> <p>The Parish Council has also made a donation to both primary schools, considered & commented on local planning applications, looked at public transport issues and the traffic throughout the district as well as other projects</p> <p>Councillor Bellenger stated that he was originally apprehensive about the Parish Council so distanced himself. However, he would like to thank both Councillor Crossley and Councillor Fieldhouse for their tenacity and hard work to make it work. Councillor Bellenger felt that all areas have been covered where possible and hopefully the newly elected Parish Councillors will continue in this vein in the next year.</p>
4	<p>To consider plans for the Parish put forward by the residents of the Parish.</p> <p>(i) Opportunity for residents to report concerns within the Parish and discuss solutions.</p> <p>Notice Boards – there is currently an open notice board in Stainland Park but the notices don't last whether down to weather conditions or them being removed. The one in Shaw Park is lockable but it is unsure as to who has a key, but the Shaw Park Restoration Group may know. Action: the clerk to try & establish who has a key & if copies can be made. Possibly once could be put up in Sowood, Outlane and Jagger Green so all areas of the district are covered.</p>

Meeting closed at 8.20pm