

**Parish of Belmont Rural
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
Thursday 28th April 2016 at
Northolme Community Centre, Northolme Road, Belmont**

Present: Councillor A. Myatt Chairman
10 members of the public

In attendance: Mrs. E. Kelso Clerk

001/16 **Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Belmont Rural and explained the format for the evening.

002/16 **Annual Statement from Belmont Rural Parish Council**

The Chairman read out the Annual Statement from Belmont Rural Parish Council, as attached to these Minutes.

003/13 **Presentation from Balfour Beatty Living Places**

The Clerk reported that unfortunately a representative from Balfour Beatty Living Places had not been able to attend the meeting but had sent a statement outlining the priorities for Locality Stewards working for the public realm contractor, Balfour Beatty Living Places

004/16 **Jubilee Field**

As Chairman of the Jubilee Field steering group, Councillor Adrian Bridges, outlined the history behind the acquisition and naming of Jubilee Field as an area of public open space and how, as a result of budget cuts for Herefordshire Council, Belmont Rural Parish Council had agreed to contribute towards the management of this area with an agreed Management Plan. Councillor Bridges outlined the work that it is proposed will be carried out, to include clearing the area of litter and sticks etc., controlling the brambles that grow in the centre of the site each year and proposals to plant plug plants and a wildflower area.

A Community Action Day is being held on Sunday 22nd May for members of the public to come to help with the clearing up which will be followed by a free barbecue for those who have taken part.

005/16 **Reports from Local Organisations**

(a) **South Wye Community Association**

Mrs. Tracy Bowes, as a trustee of the Association, presented the report from South Wye Community Association outlining the activities now running at the Centre and in particular noted the increase in numbers of visitors to the Community Centre over the last year. The Community Centre has also been shortlisted in the "Local Community Award" category of the Herefordshire Community Champions Awards for 2016.

(b) **Northolme Community Centre Association**

Mr. Adrian Bridges delivered a statement from the Northolme Community Centre Association about their activities in the previous year including the successful family day in the summer, and plans for the future which includes enlarging the Centre and taking over responsibility for the Centre building and Car Park from Herefordshire Council. More volunteers are needed to help run activities at the Centre and those interested in helping out should contact the current Centre management team.

(c) **Belmont Country Park Supporters Group**

Councillor Phil Edwards gave a origins and progress of the Belmont Country Park Supporters Group which has attracted funding over the past year to purchase equipment to support the management of the Country Park, encouraging local volunteers to offer in excess of 300 hours of volunteering last year.

006/16 **Report from Ward Councillor**

Councillor Tracy Bowes introduced herself as the Ward Councillor for the new Ward of Belmont Rural and gave a presentation on the role of a Ward Councillor and how the Ward can work with the Parish Council, albeit with different but related responsibilities.

007/16 **Any Other Business**

In response to a question from a member of the public present, the Clerk gave a brief overview of the progress of the Neighbourhood Development Plan which is nearing submission to Herefordshire Council for independent examination under Regulation 16.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.