

ORLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting

Held on Thursday, 1ST May 2025, 7:00pm, Orleton Village Hall

In the Chair: Councillor David Lane

Guest Speaker: Mr Graham Shaw, Chair Orleton Recreation Association (ORA)

In Attendance: Ward Councillor, Dan Hurcomb

Parish Clerk: Alison Morgan

Members of the Public: 27

******Light Refreshments Served******

Chair of Orleton Parish Council, David Lane, opened the meeting and extended a warm welcome to everyone.

1. **Minutes of Last Meetings:** Minutes of the previous annual parish meeting, held on 9th May 2024 were **APPROVED** and signed as a true record.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT 2024/25:** The Chair delivered his report for the last financial year, including an overview of parish council activities, its role in the community and an update on personnel changes during the year. A full copy of the report is attached to these minutes (**APPENDIX 1**).
3. **OPEN FORUM:** Residents were invited to raise issues for consideration by the parish. Key points raised and discussed were as follows:
 - Position of speed signs: question as to whether these were in the most appropriate location to reduce speed and whether there was an option to reposition the speed indicator bases. Planned drainage works may impact feasibility, but the situation can be reviewed once the drainage works are complete.
 - Speeding & Signage issues on Kings Road: possible extension of the 30mph zone past the school and signage to warn about the road narrowing on a bend by the listed barn. Work is expected soon to improve school safety, but it was agreed these further issues could be considered by the Parish Council.
 - Road surface issue, by Well Cottages, Church Lane - similar to the problem at the Portway junction. Ward Councillor Hurcomb reported the Portway defect was resolved and this issue could be raised again with the Locality Steward.
 - Between 10-11 May 2025, there would be a junior football club event at the recreation ground. Measures were being taken to minimise parking and traffic issues as much as possible.

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- **School Parking Issues:** pre-school congestion due to parking in the road rather than in the school car park is causing road safety issues with drivers are having to cross onto the wrong side of the road to get past parked cars, meeting oncoming cars and this leading to a bottleneck.

4. **Sewer Flooding in Orleton:** David Lane gave a presentation on sewer flooding, pollution of the Brimfield Brook and measures to improve sewage provision in Orleton. A copy of the presentation can be found at **APPENDIX 2**.
5. **Orleton Recreation Association (ORA):** Graham Shaw, ORA Chair, gave an overview of the ORA, its recent activities and in particular the project to renovate the cricket pavilion, which is now set to be completed this year! A copy of the presentation can be found at **APPENDIX 3**.
6. **Highway Drainage Scheme B4361:** Ward Councillor Dan Hurcomb presented details on the development of a highways drainage scheme for the B4361 and Maidenhead junction. It is anticipated implementation of the scheme should take place during 2025. A copy of this presentation can be found at **APPENDIX 4**.

Cllr Hurcomb also confirmed Herefordshire Council has made additional funds available this year for flood defences and prevention.

Cllr Lane thanked the speakers and those attending. There being no further questions, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.