
Humber Parish

Ford & Stoke Prior Group Parish

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meetings held on Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 7 pm in Stoke Prior Village Hall

Present: 2 electors of Ford & Stoke Prior Parish. All Councillors except Cllr. Marston

1. **Introduction from the Chairman**
The Chairman of the Group Parish Council, Cllr. Hugh Fowler-Wright opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. **To receive apologies for absence.**
Cllr. Marston had sent his apologies for the Parish and the Council meetings.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Annual Meetings held on 19th May 2024.**
The minutes were approved.
4. **To consider any matters arising from the minutes.**
There were no matters arising
5. **Questions and discussion on any other subject.**
 - I. One resident was concerned about the number of potholes. The Chairman explained that the Ward Councillor (Cllr. Baker) attended Parish Council meetings and the problem of potholes was regularly discussed. It is understood that Herefordshire has obtained grant funding to improve the County's roads including C & U roads.
 - II. Another resident was concerned about the "cut through" from the A49 at Ford when an incident closed or restricted traffic flow on the A49. The Chairman advised that keeping records of such events was probably the only way to get action from Herefordshire Highways department. The resident felt that a 60mph speed limit on many of the lanes was completely inappropriate. The possibility of designating lanes as "Access Only" was discussed but the Chairman felt that enforcement would be problematic.
 - III. Cllr. Grace joined the meeting and confirmed that Herefordshire would not take action when their traffic surveys indicated that (not surprisingly) the speed limit was rarely if ever breached. However, Cllr. Grace did comment on the contradictory speed limits on Bowley lane. Her view was that the Council should continue to press for resolution of this 40/60mph conflict.
 - IV. Cllr. Grace also remarked that most events are never recorded and the official view is that with no reported data there is no basis to take action.
 - V. Cllr. Thomas commented that many pedestrians are inappropriately dressed in dark colours and often are not as visible as they could be, particularly as the lanes have no dedicated space for pedestrians. He had written about this issue in The Pump but it had little apparent impact.
6. The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.18pm

Signed

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