

7.	<p><u>WCC - A report from Councillor Mrs J Compton</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chief Executive, Mr Jim Graham (Head of Paid Service), was due to retire. His replacement was not yet known. 2. The Police precept was not to be increased. 3. The next Warwick Rural West Community Forum was to be held 26th January 2017. The boundaries of WRW district were due to be changed. 4. The AVIVA Cycle Race, held in 2016, and the events celebrating Shakespeare's birthday, had proved to be good for tourism in the county. 5. The new Kenilworth Railway Station was due to open 10th December 2017. 6. Access to Warwickshire's Dementia website had proved to be very popular. It contained some very useful information. 7. It had been reported that a number of Bus Passes were being misused. 8. The Community Forum - Grant Funding Scheme, still held £300. This could be applied for by the local Councils. 9. It had been reported that improved Broadband had reached Haseley Knob. 10 'Budget Day' for WCC was 2nd February. 	
8.	<p><u>WDC –Report from Councillor Mr P Whiting</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Local Plan was likely be in place by the end of 2017. Some modifications were expected to be made, to ensure that it was workable. 2. Once the Local Plan was in place, a CIL (Council Infrastructure Levy), could be charged on new development. Warwick District, as an affluent area, would receive more Council Tax, as new houses were continually being built. 3. Should a rented property be empty, the Landlord would be liable for the payment of the Council Tax. There would no longer be a thirty day exemption period. 4. Major work was underway on the Leamington and Warwick Leisure Centres. Consultation on improvements to Kenilworth Leisure Centre was due to begin later in 2017. Bids for the operation of the Centres had been received, and a decision was expected shortly. 5. Finance projections showed that WDC was due to generate a modest surplus for the current financial year. However, subsequent years were likely to be challenging, as a number of major contracts, such as Waste Management, were due for renewal. 	
9.	<p><u>Reports of Meetings.</u></p> <p>There were no reports. The next Warwick Rural West Community Forum was due 26th January.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Parish Council</u></p> <p>1. Finance Report.</p> <p>Income: A VAT repayment of £142.23 had been received. This matched the amount that had been claimed.</p> <p>Payments Needed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Hire of Hall (PC meeting 6th December) £25, ii. Hire of Wren Hall for Neighbourhood Watch (29th November 2016): £20 iii. Planning Training (Cllrs Jordan & Holdgate) 1st April £45 iv. End of Year Financial Procedures, (Clerk) 21st January, £30 v. Data Protection Registration annual renewal, £35. (as in 2016) iv. Hire of Wren Hall (the current PC meeting - 17th January 2017) £25. <p>Payments were proposed by Cllr Clapp, seconded by Cllr Beaumont. All Councillors were in agreement.</p>	JL

2. Precept for 2017/18

The projected spending up to March 31st 2017 (the end of the financial year), had been considered by the Audit Working Group, and adjusted for expectations in 2017/18.

A spreadsheet showing the areas of spending was explained by the Chair. The following Points made:

1. An increase of between 3 and 4% was proposed on general payments.
2. Room hire had exceeded that expected, and therefore there was a proposed increase of 25%.
3. It was felt that the Notice Boards were in reasonable condition. The allowance was therefore reduced.
4. The lack of contact with the Website provider had meant that money had not been spent. However, as the PC was proposing to move to another provider to set up a new website, an increased budget was needed for the coming year.
The lack of access to the PC website, meant that the Council was not compliant with the Transparency Code. It was suggested that the Council should apply for a grant.
5. The Council had been warned that should there be a contested election, the cost was likely to be as much as £5,000. It was felt therefore, that a further £500 be set aside for this possible eventuality.
6. The £500 set aside for the Parish Newsletter, had this year not been used. It was agreed that this would be carried forward.
7. There had been a substantial increase in each of the PC donations in 2016/17, and so a further increase was not felt necessary.
8. It was agreed to give £500 to Wren Hall Charity, as Councillors felt that the Hall served the community.
9. A precept of £7,500 was therefore to be requested for 2017/18.
(n.b. as the Council Tax grant was £150, the PC would request a precept of £7,350)
Proposed by Cllr Clapp seconded by Cllr Overall. All were in agreement.

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3. Councillor Vacancy

Notices advertising the Casual Vacancy had been displayed on the Parishes boards. As there had not been a request for an election, the Council was able to co-opt an appropriate person. Applications would be sent to the Clerk.

Cllr Tebby had not attended a Council meeting for twelve months. The Chair agreed to contact him to determine whether he wished to remain as a Parish Councillor.

4. Notification of Planning Applications by Parish Councils – suggested site notice

The PC had personalised the notice forwarded by Mrs Tracy Darke (Head of Service, Development & Planning). A number of PC's had agreed to display their own notice: Shrewley PC had agreed to display their notices on the closest Notice Board; Leek Wootton on each property. All notices were to be printed on yellow paper. BHHW PC agreed to display notices on each of our villages notice boards. Cllr Slatem agreed to print the notices.

Proposed by Cllr Slatem seconded by Cllr Holdgate. All were in Favour

5. Emergency AED Defibrillator for Wren Hall

Cllr Slatem had spoken with the Wren Hall Committee, who had agreed to take on the responsibility of the care and maintenance of the defibrillator. The Parish Council agreed to the funding of it. The British Heart Foundation had been approached for information regarding cost and supply. They were able to supply the defibrillator to a non-profit making organisation at a cost of £400. The remainder of the cost, and the support would be through BHF.

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6. Parish Council Website

	<p>The Parish Council's current website was not accessible, due to the problems with the host, parishcouncil.net. not responding to requests for support. The Council was therefore not adhering to the Transparency Code, as much of the information on the site was not up to date. The Council had therefore agreed to look for an alternative website host.</p> <p>Cllrs Gee and Slatem, and the Clerk had met with a representative of MI Business Services – Mr Ian Broadbridge. Mr Broadbridge had designed and currently maintained websites for Lapworth and Rowington Parish Councils. He lived locally, having moved from Hatton Park to Hockley Heath, and was therefore accessible. It was agreed that the PC should go ahead and change Web provider to MI Business Services. The cost to the PC would be £500 to set up the new website and £200 annual service charge thereafter. The costs had been included in the precept.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Holdgate , seconded by Cllr Beaumont; and were all in favour</p> <p>7. Nomination of a Councillor to apply to attend a Royal Garden Party One Councillor (plus a companion) could be nominated from each Council. Of those Councillors that had applied, six would be selected to represent Warwickshire. Cllr Clapp's name, was put forward as the nominee Proposed by Cllr Gee, and seconded by Cllr Beaumont.</p> <p>8. Field entrance, Rouncil Lane Concern had been raised regarding building activity in a field west of Fernwood Farm. Concrete slabs had been laid at the entrance, and a quantity of building materials stored. There was also a shed holding building materials. After notification of this, the Planning Enforcement Officer had met with the landowner, and found nothing untoward. The enforcement case was therefore closed.</p> <p>9. Parish Plan updates. Road signs were still to be supplied by Warwick District Council.</p>	<p>SL, JG,JL</p> <p>DC</p>
11.	<p><u>Planning Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Applications Pending:</u> W/16/2201 Arrochar. Resubmission. (One detached dwelling, and detached garage). Following discussion the PC agreed to object to the application, quoting inappropriate development in the green belt and the proposed dwelling not being of a modest size, in line with our Parish Plan. Proposed by Cllr Cllr Slatem, seconded by Cllr Beaumont All Cllrs were in agreement. W/16/1826 Land adjacent to 2 Church Cottages. The PC had previously sent 'qualified support' for the application, but with queries regarding: 1. the drainage, as Honiley did not have mains drainage; 2. the statement that 'the property be retained in perpetuity to meet local needs' -- the PC could not see how this could be effected; 3. 'Familiarity with the Parish' should not be considered, as the applicant and family had left the area more than 10 years earlier. Councillors were also mindful of their duty to protect the Greenbelt and adhere to their Parish Plan, which stated only 'one or two modest dwellings per year'. WDC Planning Department had put forward similar comments, but as being reasons for opposing the application. Councillors felt, therefore, that the points that they had made were sufficient reason to Oppose the Application. <p>W/16/1511 Elmhurst, extensions. PC supported. A statement had been received from WDC Planning Dept, stating that they could not support the application as the increase in floor area would be 69%, which was above that allowed. The PC agreed to continue to support the application, with reasons:</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p>

	<p>1. The percentage given for increased floor area, would be reduced, as the workshop and garage were to be demolished.</p> <p>2. This demolition would create an area for off- road parking, thus alleviating the need for cars to be parked along an already cluttered road.</p> <p>W/16/2029 Wren Hall, Internal alteration and extension. PC supported</p> <p>W/16/0901 Wattcote Farm erection of ground floor extension. PC supported.</p> <p>W/16/2099 Swallows Rest, single storey extension. PC supported</p> <p>Decisions by WDC: W/15/1704 Haseley Manor. 13 apartments – proposed amendments. PC supported the application, subject to the approval of WCC Highways Dept. Granted</p>	JL						
12.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>1. Transparency Fund: It had been agreed to apply for a grant towards the cost of the new website (10.2.4 above)</p> <p>2. Cllr Beaumont gave her apologies for the following meeting March 7th, as it would be the lambing season.</p> <p>3. There was a lot of litter left in the two lay-bys , on A4177 road. A number of lorries parked overnight. It was suggested that a bin should be placed in each lay-by, and it be requested that these be emptied by the WDC Refuse Department.</p> <p>4. The trees on Five Ways Island, and those opposite on the bend with the Shrewley road, were in need of pruning. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department.</p> <p>5. Cllr Slatem had tickets available for 'Howdenjones', a production to be held at Wren Hall 18th February 2017, tickets £12 including Fish &Chips</p>	JL JL JL						
	<p>Meeting ended at 9.25pm</p> <p><u>Dates of Next Meetings :</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>March 7th</td> <td>May 16th Annual Meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 18th</td> <td>June 20th Parish Forum</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	March 7th	May 16th Annual Meeting	April 18th	June 20th Parish Forum			
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Summary of actions	Lead
1. c.f Neighbourhood Development Plans	RS,DS,JL
2. Advertise the services of the Mobile Library	JL
3. Confirm the Snow Warden for Haseley Knob	JL
4. Forward agreed cheques	JL
5. Apply for a Grant, re compliancy with the Transparency Code	JL
6. Add 'Wren Hall' to the list for PC donations	JL
7. Complete Application Form for purchase of Defibrillator.	RS,JL
8. Go ahead with changing Website provider.	JG,SL,JL
9. Apply to attend Royal Garden Party	DC
10. Send Planning responses to Arrochar, Land adjacent to..., Elmhurst	JL
11. Note Apologies from Cllr Beaumont for the following meeting (March 7 th)	JL
12. Contact WDC Refuse Dept, re the supply of Litter Bins for the Lay-bys on A4177	JL
13. Contact Highways re pruning of trees at Five Ways Island	JL