



**CHURCH
STRETTON
SCHOOL**

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE ACADEMY TRUST

**PARENT TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION**

Minutes from PTA Meeting April 5th 2017

1	Present:	<p>Helen Howes – Chair Clare Burgoyne Ruth Lawrence Stephen Nockolds Cathy Thomas Lauren Slatter</p>	<p>Sam Scott - Treasurer Caroline Terrill – Secretary Sam Cole Helen Davis Eileen Roberts John Parr</p>
2	Apologies:	<p>Miv Mapps Deb Croom-Johnson Kate Harris Jayne Willis</p>	<p>End Bishop Sarah Henman Kym Krippin</p>
3	Matters arising from previous minutes	<p>No comments from last year’s AGM minutes and all matters arising have been dealt with during the year.</p> <p>There was an outstanding action from the meeting in Feb 2017 about getting some plaques made that could go on the table tennis tables when they are installed.</p> <p>Action: Caroline to follow-up on this.</p>	
4	Head’s report	<p>Thank you all for supporting the PTA by being here this evening for the AGM. Last year was again a very successful one for the PTA committee. I would like to thank you all for your time; your enthusiasm and drive which not only improves the quality of teaching and learning but also makes for a much better environment for our students, your children, to grow up and learn in. By this I mean, not only the material resources that the PTA raise funds to purchase, but also the sense of community, value and caring which we feel strongly about. Membership of a secondary school PTA can fill the space left when you no longer have the chance to meet other parents at the school gate. Our PTA is successful and I am sure you will recognise, hardworking.</p> <p>This school is a pleasure to teach in and to be linked with. Standards remain high and relationships within our community are strong and our door is always open to hear your opinions and views. I am hugely appreciative to the PTA for the giving of your time, in doing so impacting on the quality of education that every child will receive at this school.</p> <p>As a result new dictionaries can be found in classroom, supporting our emphasis on all students making gains with their literacy. All students will enjoy access to the super outdoor table tennis tables, ensuring additional opportunities at break and lunch time, along with use during PE lessons. We are proud of the existing minibus the PTA raised funds to help us purchase and are now excited by discussions with the PTA members about the prospect of a ‘Minibus Lite’ - thank you!</p> <p>All these extra special things we would miss but not as much as the warm welcome that parents help to provide at school events and concerts. You can’t put a price on the refreshments served with a smile to the parents and community who attend the various events supported by the PTA.</p> <p>I would like to thank you all for your contributions – be it money, time, expertise or vision. The PTA is clearly in a strong place, which I am really grateful for.</p>	

5	Chair's report	<p>The year began with Deb Croom-Johnson kindly acting as Interim Chair in the absence of anyone willing to take on the post more permanently. (At that time I was unable to take up the role due to the significant time and effort required in organising our very first Mynd Drover Challenge walk in June). From September I took over as Chair with the plan that Ruth Laurence and I will share the role - Myself for the period leading up to the MD and Ruth for the second half of the year in the period leading up to our Christmas Craft Fayre.</p> <p>A steady and reliable group of regular PTA members has supported our worthwhile fundraising work throughout the year with Caroline Terrill acting as Secretary and Sam Scott continuing as Treasurer. Thank you to you and all of our school support to.</p> <p>This year we were all delighted with the success of the inaugural MD Challenge Walk which turned out to be, not only a great fund raising event but a much enjoyed and shared community social event too. The Craft Fayre in November was again a great success, continuing our tradition of providing quality and highly regarded crafts, refreshments and experiences. Both have become key PTA events which have clearly reached the local and wider community bringing us much to be proud of.</p> <p>We have continued to support smaller events such as, NT film evenings arranged by school and we are very pleased to have funded several projects this year including the school's new PA system, outdoor table tennis tables and dictionaries.</p> <p>Thank -you to you all, for your efforts great or small, throughout what has been a very positive and sociable fund raising year. Well done to everyone involved! Long may we continue as a strong PTA group especially at this time, when our efforts to raise funds for what is a relatively small, rural school, are more than ever crucially needed.</p>
6	Treasurer's report	<p>At the year end December 2016 the balance of the HSBC account stood at £462.15 and the Barclays account stood at £5,810.16. The Barclays account currently stands at £6135.47 (as at 21st March 2017).</p> <p>A complete list of fundraising events from January 2016 to December 2016 is shown. All outgoings for the events are listed. (Sheets attached)</p> <p>The craft fayre was again a huge success. We used outside caterers Thyme for Tea and as the draw had been profitable last year we decided to continue it this year the tickets again were sold before and on the day of the Fayre. Thyme for Tea generated £150.00 in commission. The draw tickets generated a profit of £649.70 slightly down from last year. These two amounts added to the stall holder's fees of £1735.60 gave a grand total of £2535.30.</p> <p>The Mynd Drover, a new project, was the highlight of the summer. Helen organised a fantastic event and with everyone from the PTA pulling together we made a profit of £4306.32.</p> <p>Easy Fund Raising which is in its early stages of development brought in commission of £93.64.</p> <p>We have funded several projects this year - the Berlin Trip Coach £370.00, PA System costing £3000.00, table tennis tables costing £2999.98 which are due to be installed soon.</p> <p>We have had the annual renewal of the PTA membership costing £118.00 and a Bar licence for the school fashion show which unfortunately was cancelled of £22.26.</p>
7	Election of Officers	<p>Helen Howes and Ruth Lawrence are going to split the role as Chair, with Helen being Chair from Jan- Jun and Ruth being Chair from Jul-Dec. Sam Scott has agreed to remain as Treasurer and Caroline Terrill has agreed to remain as secretary.</p> <p>All officers were duly elected to this roles.</p>
8	Funding requests	<p>We can have an agreement to lease a minibus lite for 3 years and it will then be owned by the school at the end of this period. The cost for this is approximately £6000 per year. This was</p>

		discussed at length as the PTA was concerned about whether they could commit to this cost every year, but there are already good PTA funds to get this started. This was approved by a unanimous vote.
9	Upcoming events	There is another National Theatre event coming up that Helen Howes will help out with. Cathy will confirm the date and if further help will be needed.
10	Craft fayre	Lauren Slatter is taking over the coordinating of the Craft fayre for 2017. Sylvie has agreed to do the catering for this. Volunteers will be needed to support with PR and Marketing and coordinating with Sylvie for the catering.
11	Mynd Drover 2017	Helen went through the long list of activities that are needed for the Mynd Drover 2017. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.
12	AOB	Phil Wright had offered to help organize a quiz to raise funds for the PTA. A date needs to be agreed, but the end of September has been suggested. A bar licence will be needed. Caroline will follow-up with Phil.
13	Date of next meeting	Date of next meeting was suggested as Thursday 4 th May at 7:30pm at the Bucks Head.