Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes from meeting held on 18th May 2009

Present:

Cllr Brian Wilkinson Cllr John Pickard (JP) Cllr Andrew Dodds (AD)

(BW)

Cllr Brynley Heaven Cllr Frances Cartwright Cllr Rick Miller (RM)

(BW) (FC)

Jim Leach – Clerk (JL)

No members of the public were present

Item	Notes	Action
1	The Chairman welcomed all present.	
2	Apologises –District Cllr A Webster (AW), Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD), Cllr Martin Hill (MH)	
3	BW read the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting and these were agreed and signed. Proposed BH and seconded AD	
4	Matters Arising – none.	
5	Chairman's Report The Chairman's report was read out it has been a fairly uneventful year. There had been no floods or other issues. The Council had done a run off survey and the findings had been fed back to the PC. Works had now been agreed and funding has been given for the 2009 – 2010 work schedule. Some work had already been carried out but further work is anticipated. There had been several planning applications throughout the year. The one that had caused the most controversy on the Dovecote had been refused and nothing further had been heard. Mention was also made re the cemetery, it had been a particularly busy year for the cemetery with more than usual internments but also a number of plots had also been reserved. This had resulted in the Cemetery having a profit. The Chairman gave thanks to Mr Lionel Fisher for his sterling work in looking after the Cemetery maintenance. BW mentioned the sad loss of the previous Councillor Mr A Pickering. Alan had also been the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and sadly this post was still vacant. There had been a number of crimes in the village during the year but these were fairly minimal in the scheme of things. BW gave thanks to the new Clerk Jim Leach for all his hard work and support throughout the year. He also gave thanks to MH and AW for their help and advice throughout the year. BW gave tanks to all Clirs for their help & support for the past year.	

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_	The report was adopted by AD & seconded by BH.	
6	Finance Report Copies of the financial report had been sent out to all present	
	and had been read. JP read these out and highlighted some points. Mention was made of the profit made by the Cemetery. Also mention was made of the amount of money the PC now had in the bank. It was agreed that this was a good position to be in due to the fact that the PC may have to	
	pay towards some of the flood work. JP will do a letter for the Auditors to explain the reasons why there were large funds in the bank account. In addition to this BW said that within the next couple of years we will need to look at extending the Cemetery, as it was now two thirds occupied/reserved and	
	money would be needed to purchase new land. The Internal Audit will be carried out next week and then documents will be sent to the external auditors. JP asked that in view of the current banking crisis and the fact that the interest paid on the money in the bank had been minimal, should we consider changing bank accounts. It was discussed and decided that this would not be appropriate.	
	The accounts were approved and signed off by BW and JL. The annual governance statement accompanying the accounts was also approved and signed off.	
6	There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.25 pm.	
7	Date and time of next Annual Parish Meeting 10 th May 2010 at 7.00 pm.	