

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
Held in the Pavilion Building at 7.00pm on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**Present:** Cllr. J Barstow, Cllr. P Deeble, Cllr. M Saunders, Cllr. P Stenning, Cllr. C Welfare, Cllr J Duncton (CDC), G King, S Barstow, L Dean Taylor, M Allin, N Plumridge,, V Smith, J Butler, C Aitken, M Welfare, M Rapson, M Elliott, C Townsend, A Booker, J Stenning, I Newson and P Henderson (Parish Clerk). Dr. A Poole was in the Chair.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from J Hawkins, C Duncton (WSCC) and P Stanforth.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. (Proposed by A Poole and seconded by J Barstow).

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes:** There were none.

**4. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council:**

In the absence of P Stanforth, his report was read to the meeting by A Poole. The report highlighted the following;

- The hard work and dedication of all members of the Parish Council throughout the year and the very high attendance rate at all eleven Council meetings.
- The resignation of the Clerk, Peter Henderson, and an acknowledgement of his efforts over the last eight years.
- An introduction to Gloria King, the new Clerk, who would take up her appointment in June.
- A slight increase in the precept received from CDC in order to continue as many initiatives as possible.
- The continued efforts of the Planning Committee, headed by Alan Butcher, in dealing with 39 applications.
- Praise for members of all the other committees and working parties and their contribution to the smooth running of the Council. Also, to their attendance at numerous meetings convened by outside bodies.
- Praise was also given to Susanne Dipper and Tony Poole for their involvement with the South Downs National Park boundary and the Horncroft quarry objections. To those involved in the Pavilion Licence negotiations and in particular Mark Rapson.
- His very good wishes to the incoming Parish Council and Clerk in all their endeavours.

**5. Financial Statement from the Clerk of the Council:**

Copies of the Receipts and Payments for the financial year 2010/2011 were distributed to the meeting. The Clerk, as the responsible financial officer, proceeded to take the meeting through the figures, offering a brief explanation when required. The total income for the year amounted to £29,290.49, the total expenditure was £25,959.74, leaving a current account balance of £3330.75. In addition, the balance of the savings account was £11,81.84, the Birchwalks Woods account was £5257.88 and the total COIF investments amounted to £1694.31.

**6. Questions from the Floor/Any Other Business:**

1. Mrs Barstow informed the meeting that parked cars on School Lane, near the junction with The Fleet, were proving to be a traffic hazard. She wished to know whether white lines could be painted on the road to prevent such parking. The problem was to be addressed by the Parish Council.
2. Mr Butler informed the meeting of the unsafe nature of the stile leading up to Churchwood. It was pointed out that this was the responsibility of WSCC.
3. Mr Allin asked if there was any new information regarding the village shop. The present tenant of the premises, Mr I Newson, had been asked to leave but could not find accommodation. Cllr. Duncton offered to investigate the empty property owned by Hyde Martlet.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked all present for their participation and closed the meeting at 7.32pm.