

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held on 17th May at 7.00pm in the Club Room of the Pavilion.

Present: Mr A Booker, Mr J Butler, Mr C Poldon, Mr M Elliott, Mrs s Barstow, Cllr J Duncton (CDC), Cllr C Duncton (WSCC), Cllr M Allin, Cllr P Stanforth, Cllr J Hawkins, Cllr J Barstow, Cllr S Dipper and Mr P Henderson (Parish Clerk). Cllr A Poole was in the Chair.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr H Barkworth, Cllr A Butcher and Cllr J Mills.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th May 2009 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. (Proposed by P Stanforth and seconded by Susanne Dipper).

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

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

Cllr. Poole read through his report emphasising the following points;

- The impressive record of attendance at Parish council meetings by members, District and County Councillors and press officer, John Butler.
- The work accomplished by the Finance, Planning and Hesworth Common sub committees.
- The Health and safety inspections and the general maintenance of areas under the control of the Council.
- The Working Parties that include interested villagers such as Communications, Housing Development, Traffic, Youth and Community, Vandalism and Crime Prevention.
- The involvement of the Council with outside bodies such as the Village Hall Committee, Fittleworth & District Association, Petworth and Bury Neighbourhood Police Committee, the North East Parishes Forum, the County Local Association, the CDC Annual Meeting, the South Downs Authority and Chichester District Association of Local Councils.
- The various events and activities such as the maintenance of the Pavilion, notice board extension, bench cleaning, the purchase of new benches, tree surgery, purchase of the telephone box, preparation of a new lease for the Sports Association, the Village Hall Open Evening and achievement of Quality Council status.

The Chairman ended his report by thanking his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their efforts and support throughout the year. He also extended his thanks to Julie Hawkins who was standing down from the Council. Paul Stanforth, on behalf of the Council, thanked Anthony for his contribution to the Council and the community during his three years as Chairman.

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

Copies of the Receipts and Payments for the financial year 2009/2010 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 £25499.61, the total expenditure was £22143.16, leaving a current account balance of £3356.16. In addition, the balance of the savings account was £12647.92, the Birchwalks Woods account was £5213.93 and the total COIF investments amounted to £1645.40

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

- Mr Elliott congratulated the Parish Council on the manner in which the Horncroft planning application had been handled.
- The Chairman thanked the Council members for their support and for the way in which they took responsibility for the various aspects of council business.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked all present for their participation and closed the meeting at 7.28pm

P Henderson

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