

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held on 18th May 2009 at 7.00pm in the Club Room of the Pavilion Building

Present: All members of the Parish Council, Mr John Butler, Mr Alan Booker, Mr Ron Thatcher, Mr Peter Sherratt, Mr & Mrs Roger Bence and Mr Peter Henderson (Parish Clerk). Cllr. Tony Poole was in the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Mr T Barkworth and Mrs C Townsend.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th May 2008 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. (Proposed by Cllr. Stanforth and seconded by Cllr. Dipper.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

There were none.

4. Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council:

Copies of the Report, prepared by Cllr. Poole were distributed to the meeting. Cllr. Poole read through the report highlighting the following;

- The members of the Parish Council were thanked for their work throughout the year and for their excellent attendance at meetings. Thanks were also extended to Cllr J Duncton from CDC and Cllr. C Duncton from WSCC for their attendance at most meetings and to John Butler for his continued attendance and press reports.
- The work accomplished by the three sub committees of Finance, Planning and Hesworth Common.
- The responsibility for Health and Safety shared by all members of the Council and the efforts made to maintain an attractive village environment.
- The efforts of those involved with the four working groups covering Housing Development, Traffic, the Community and Communications.
- Parish Council representation at the meetings of other associations and committees.
- Consultation with the community and those responsible for local infrastructure.
- Other points of interest included the continuing contact with the Sports and Social Club, maintenance of the Pavilion, Housing development, the National Park and the attainment of Quality Council Status.
- The general tidiness of the village and proposed projects.

5. Financial Statement by the Clerk of the Council:

Copies of the Receipts and Payments for the financial year 2008/ 2009 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 £24212.15, and total expenditure was £22959.69, leaving a current account balance of £1252.46. In addition, the balance of the savings account was £12047.58, the Birchwalks Woods account was £5170.36 and total COIF investments amounted to £1293.30.

6. Questions from the Floor / Any Other Business:

1. Mr Thatcher commented on the lack of facilities for the youth of the village. The Youth Club was no longer in existence and the use of the recreation ground was limited because of use by the football and cricket clubs. He suggested that the waste ground behind the overflow car park be utilised as a kick about area.
2. John Barstow, in his capacity as anti-crime officer, emphasised the proven link between tidy, well kept areas and lack of damage by vandals.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked all present for their participation and closed the meeting at 7.38pm.

P Henderson
19-05-09.