

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Abingdon Hall on 20th April 2010

Present: Cllr J Hooper (Chairman), Cllr Mrs D Benfield (Vice Chairman), Cllrs Mrs J Ball, Mrs D Croney, M Jones, T Payne, R Smith.

In attendance: Mr A H Gibb – Clerk to the Council
11 Members of the public

1. Apologies for absence: Mr G Peters
2. Declarations of interest. None
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2009, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. Chairman's Report. Cllr Hooper produced a report in which he outlined the council's work during the previous 12 months and paid tribute to councillors for giving their time and efforts. He paid a particular tribute to Paul Le Prevost for his efforts in getting the Parish Newsletter off the ground.
5. Financial Report. The Clerk reported an end of year surplus in the budget. Grant funding for the goalposts on the recreation ground was still to be finalised. The audit of the accounts has already commenced.
6. Review of Village Organisations:
 - a. Clayesmore School. Mr Mike Dyer, the new Bursar at Clayesmore was introduced. He outlined progress at the school which was weathering the financial storms. The school is aiming to produce a long term development plan, a copy of which will be sent to the parish council. The school is very keen to work with the community should any problems arise with pupils, he asked that dates and times of incidents be reported to the Deputy Headmaster, James Carpenter on 01717 813156. There was consensus from the meeting that the school's image was very positive and that pupils are appreciated within the village.
 - b. Climate Change Group. Mr Jonathan Ford reported on efforts within the community to raise awareness about becoming a more carbon neutral environment. Members of the group had attended various lectures and visits and a competition is underway in the village. A micro hydro project at Fontmell Magna is well underway. The Chairman reported that a micro hydro project at Peggs Mill was at its final approval stage.
 - c. Abingdon Hall Committee. Cllr Dianne Benfield reported that the windows had been changed but that there was now a need for serious maintenance on the fabric of the building. Volunteer cleaners are required. The AGM is on 8 June
 - d. Home Watch. Mr Peters' report on the Homewatch activities during the previous year was delivered by Mr Ian Watson – his report is attached.

e. Village Club. Mrs Penny Marsh reported that pantomime last year was well received and another is being planned for next winter. The snooker room is well used as is the table tennis table. Redecoration of the building is almost complete; some work needs to be done to the car park matting.

7. Open Discussion on Issues of Concern

a. Cllr Deborah Croney congratulated the village on their efforts at the recent litter pick organised through the parish newsletter. She handed over a certificate to be displayed in the War Office.

b. Fencing in Oakwood Drive. This is in the hands of the County Legal Department.

c. Jonathan Ford said that he had some copies of the Iwerne Minster War Effort booklet which were being sold for charity.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at: 8.20pm

Chairman, Iwerne Minster Parish Council