

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 25th April 2005 in Easton Village Hall.

The meeting was chaired by Mrs Alison Matthews and attended by about 50 members of the public. County Councillor Mrs Susan Glasspool, City Councillor Mr Neil Baxter and PC Andrew Murphy were also present.

Alison Matthews opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

Apologies: Fiona Parry, Penelope and Jim Kellie, Diane and Chris Wilson and Rev. Jonathan Cruickshank.

Minutes of the 2004 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the 2004 Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed.

Report by Mrs Susan Glasspool, Hampshire County Councillor

Mrs Glasspool reported on her involvement with new initiatives. (Report attached). She commented that Hampshire County Council continued to have an excellent rating.

James Ekins commented that the questions on the survey re the SE Plan were loaded. AM responded saying many people had made this comment. The publication "Your Shout" had not been widely circulated.

Alison Matthews thanked Mrs Glasspool for all she has done for the valley during her 22 years as a County Councillor.

Report by PC Andrew Murphy

AM introduced Andrew Murphy to the meeting. He presented a press release from Inspector Steve Sargent who sent his apologies for his absence.

He showed the meeting the extent of his area. Crime is continuing to reduce. He warned about leaving valuables in the car when parking in lonely places. This was still a problem. He issued leaflets to car owners to place in the car stating no valuables are present.

Ron Allen stated his concern about traffic speed along the B3047. He said he had been campaigning for 6 years to no avail. He has some ideas to reduce speed and Andrew Murphy will possibly meet Ron to discuss.

Jackie Porter asked if Andrew would have any input into Homelands. He stated that the organisation will be similar to previous years.

He said that he will soon have his own mobile number which will be attached to his radio.

Sue Humphrey asked if Neighbourhood Watch may be responsible for the reduction in crime. He commented that it certainly helped.

Alison Matthews thanked Andrew Murphy for his report.

Report by the Chairman

Financial Report

The financial report for the year was presented. The clerk stated that the accounts would be audited in August, after which notices would be in the village magazines and on the notice boards stating they will be available for inspection.

Alison explained how the Open Space money was obtained.

Chairman's Report

Alison Matthews presented her report.

Alison introduced the Parish Councillors to the meeting. Martin Woodcock has resigned from the Parish Council. She thanked him for his many years service.

She reported that the Heather Glen appeal was dismissed. The inspector placed importance to the Village Design Statement.

Ron Allen asked if there will continue to be local involvement in plans. AM said there will be but the Village Design Statement may need to be updated.

The traffic calming in Easton is imminent. A plan for Itchen Abbas traffic calming will soon be provided.

AM asked the meeting if an electronic "slow down" sign would be welcomed. The meeting was in favour. Ron Allen asked the cost of flashing lights. AM did not know.

Alison Matthews concluded by telling the meeting about the request by the Trail Finders fellowship to upgrade RUPPs into BOATs.

Report by City Councillor, Mr Neil Baxter

AM welcomed Neil and said the meeting was honoured to have the next Mayor of Winchester here.

Neil hoped that his bi-monthly jottings in the magazines were keeping people informed about the happenings of Winchester City Council.

2 local issues he has been pushing are the 2 new sewage works. There is some progression.

The Low Cost Housing has been most frustrating. That, too, looks as if it is about to start.

As he is vice chairman of the Planning Committee he is not able to discuss planning applications in his ward.

Alison thanked Neil for his work in the valley and wished him luck in his mayoral year.

Questions and Discussions

A question was asked about the caravan parked in KGV. PC Andrew Murphy will visit in the morning.

James Ekins commented about the increase in flying over the valley. Neil responded saying that the flight path has been changed and that Winchester City Council were working with the airport.

Theo Mezger asked about the Open Space Grant to the Cricket Club wondering how the village will benefit. AM responded saying that the cricket club is encouraging the 2 local schools to have coaching.

There being no other questions the meeting closed at 8.45pm