

# Minutes of the Puncknowle & Swyre Annual Parish Assembly held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mr A Edwards (Chairman) together with 23 local electors

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Buckland (Parish Clerk) & County Councillor Ron Coatsworth

**On Display:** Paintings by Local Artists Bernard Case & Mike Hamer; Works of Local Craft Group

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B. Pye & Fiona Kent Ledger (POPP'S).

## 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 3. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Mr Edwards gave a report - see attached

## 4. TALK ON POPP'S

In the absence of Fiona Kent- Ledger, Anna Lovell at short notice gave the talk on POPP's which is "for the people, by the people". The programme had been running for 4 ½ years and it is funded 50% from NHS Dorset & 50% by Dorset County Council with this money safeguarded for the next 2 years. POPP's is helping 29 schemes around the County. It supports older people in their homes to stop them going into hospital if it is not necessary. It had helped in the set up costs of the Lunch Club in Puncknowle and with the purchase of a Table Tennis table in the Piddle Valley. A Gardening Scheme was to be set up & they were looking for redundant garden equipment including tools & pots.

## 5. PRESENTATION AND REVIEWS BY VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### a) Allotments

Ms Debbie Legge advised there were now 19 Allotments – all let & with 2 people on the waiting list. The Orchard was looking good under the guidance of Derek Heaver.

### b) The History Society

Debbie Legge reported that the Local History Group had held some interesting meetings but these had not been very well supported. The historical material collected would be put into a magazine or leaflet in the autumn.

### c) Bride Valley Fledglings

Mrs Carol Bennett gave the update on the Bride Valley Fledglings Playgroup and she continued to work as a volunteer helping the children with the gardening. An Auction of Promises had been held which raised £2000. There would be a Vintage Rally on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

### d) The Book Club

Mrs Carol Bennett also advised that the Book Club meets monthly in the Village Hall.

### e) Crown Puncknowle Fundraisers

Sandy Marshall was now secretary of the Crown Puncknowle Fundraisers but committee members were now depleted & they were finding it more difficult to hold events. There would be a Tea Party in the Hall for all the children of the 3 villages on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011 to celebrate the Royal Wedding and they were looking for volunteers to help on the day.

### f) Footpaths

Dave Bird advised that some paths had been cleared & he had put up signs – all Footpaths were now "up to scratch".

### g) Puncknowle & Swyre Homewatch

Rob Reeks, the Homewatch Coordinator advised that Homewatch packs were available.

### h) Villages Web Site

Councillor Tony Edwards said that work on updating the website would start shortly.

### i) The Playing Field

Liz Slater gave the Playing Field report – see attached.

### j) The Luncheon Club

Madeline Marshall reported that between 30 & 35 people came each month to the Luncheon Club meal which is open to anyone over 50 years old in the 3 Villages. More cooks were needed. The 2010 Xmas Lunch had been cancelled until January due to the snow. Thanks were given to the Napper Charity for the donation towards the Xmas Lunch expenses.

**k) The Village Hall**

Mike Brown gave a report on the Village Hall which does not get used enough – the income needs to cover costs. The Social (fundraising) Committee would be holding a “Bring & Share Supper” in June and also a Table Top Sale. There were still numbers available for the “100 Club” which was starting a new year.

**6. OPEN DISCUSSION ON ISSUES OF CONCERN TO LOCAL ELECTORS**

Anna Lovell advised that the PACT meeting would be held on the following evening – please let her know of any Police issues. The Beach Clean at West Bexington the previous Sunday had been poorly attended with only 14 volunteers.

The meeting ended at 8.58 p.m.

Signed:..... (Chairman) Dated:.....