

# Minutes of the Puncknowle & Swyre Annual Parish Assembly held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010, at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mr A Edwards (Chairman) together with 30 local electors

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Buckland (Parish Clerk)

**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 Councillors S. Marshall, A. Simon & M Buckland, Rev Bob & Jean Thorne & A. Taylor.

## 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009 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 B3157 ROAD SAFETY PROJECT

Andrew Brown from Dorset County Council gave a presentation on the progress of the B3157 Road Safety initiative

## 5. PRESENTATION AND REVIEWS BY VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### a) Allotments

Ms Debbie Legge advised there were now 17 Allotments with 1 person on the waiting list & that all had been busy working down their plots. The inspection of the plots was due soon. Thanks to Derek Heaver the Orchard was taking shape.

### b) The History Society

Debbie Legge reported that a lot of historical materials and verbal memories had been collected and were waiting to be collated. She was looking for someone willing to take this on. It was suggested that a Village Map of Puncknowle could be done (similar to Swyre's Map).

### c) Bride Valley Fledglings

Mrs Carol Bennett kindly gave another update on the Bride Valley Fledglings Playgroup at which she continued to work as a volunteer. There were 15 children registered. The Xmas event had raised £1000 despite the wet weather.

### d) The Book Club

Mrs Carol Bennett advised that the Book Club continued to meet every month in the Village Hall.

### e) Crown Puncknowle Fundraisers

Mr Robin Pither said that the Crown Puncknowle Fundraisers had held fewer events in the past year but there had been a good turnout to these events held & funds were healthy.

### f) Footpaths

Dave Bird gave the Footpath report.

### g) Puncknowle & Swyre Homewatch

Rob Reeks continues as Homewatch Coordinator at Puncknowle with Janet Jackson & Paul Pritchard assisting.

### h) Villages Web Site

Councillor Tony Edwards reported that the website still needed work to improve it.

### i) The Playing Field

See attached report.

### j) The Luncheon Club

Mr Ken Martin, spoke on the Luncheon Club, set up in September 2007 to offer companionship and meals to anyone over 50 years old in the 3 Villages. It costs just £1 to join and the 5 course meal (with a choice) costs £4. Further help was needed with the cooking, etc. There were plans to purchase a commercial dishwasher to improve hygiene and speed up the clearing up and the Luncheon Club were looking of ways to fund this. Once a dishwasher was purchased and installed - it would be available to all Hall users.

### k) The Village Hall

Mr Sid Marshall gave a report on recent improvements to the Village Hall. The "100 Club" still needed more members.

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

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

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