MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF

WORLDHAM PARISH

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL 2017 AT 7.30pm

AT THE EAST WORLDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present

Cllr Terry Blake (Chairman), Cllr Andrew Aldridge, Cllr Will Brock, Cllr Bill Fife, Cllr Tessa Gaffney, Cllr Mary Trigwell-Jones, Ccllr Mark Kemp-Gee, Dcllr David Ashcroft, Mr Robin Twining (Clerk) and 12 members of the public

1. Welcome and Introduction

Cllr Blake welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Gaffney, Carolyn Wilson-Webb and John Denyer.

4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th April 2016 and any matters arising from the minutes

Minutes of the Worldham Parish Council held on 20th April 2016 were agreed and signed. Proposed by Cllr Aldridge and seconded by Cllr Fife AIF There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. County Councillor's Report - Collr Mark Kemp-Gee

Ccllr Kemp-Gee reported that Adult Social Care and Highways have been major issues of concern for the County Council. Looking at Adult Social Care (ASC) by 2024 25% of the East Hampshire population will be of pensionable age. It is estimated that by then there will be 20,000 ASC clients. ACS annual costs are £460 million with £60 million recharged to users. The National Living Wage will add £10 million per annum to the ASC costs. The Council Tax for 2017/18 is to be increased by 4.99%, 3% of this being an ASC levy which will raise an additional £15 million this year when Hampshire needs £60 million in the next 3 years. Therefore non essential services will need to be cut.

Highways repairs 10,000 pot holes a year. £60 million a year is spent on road maintenance and pot hole repairs. The Capital Programme is £220 million for new roads and bypasses.

Hampshire County Council will not be closing any household recycling centres.

Turning to specific issues affecting Worldham:

- We need to do something radical on speeding, such as the use of average speed cameras
- The repairs to the foot path bridge in Binswood have been completed after 5/6 years.
- He is keeping a close watch on the sale of the Blackmoor Estate land by the B3004
- Planning permission for the Anaerobic Digester at Hartley Mauditt lapsed in October 2016
- The owners of the concrete crusher on Green St must operate strictly within the
 planning conditions including: any work must stay behind the bund; they must only
 operate according to the times stated; fires must not be allowed.

Every opportunity has been given to the operator to comment on the breaches of planning conditions, but they have not commented.

Cllr Blake thanked Ccllr Kemp-Gee for all his support during the year.

6. District Councillor's Report - Dcllr David Ashcroft

Dcllr Ashcroft reported that he was wearing the EHDC emblem as recognition of him being the current chair of EHDC.

EHDC has revamped its enforcement team and has hired a new officer on the legal side of the team. EHDC will now take people who breach planning permission to court. EHDC will receive 35% of any fine imposed as a result of a successful prosecution. Planning is controversial as more housing is required. Bordon will get 4,000 new houses. The problem for affordable housing is that developers are finding it is not commercial to build them.

The developments in Bordon are progressing with phase 3, Louisburg Barracks, planning permission coming to the Council in the next year.

Three new sports centres are planned for the district – Petersfield, Alton and Bordon. The precise details of the Alton sports centre have not yet been decided.

Dcllr Ashcroft concluded that it has been an enjoyable year and he was delighted to have given a grant to the Worldham pantomime, which was the best use of the District Councillors grants.

Cllr Blake thanked Dcllr Ashcroft for all his support during the year. The pantomime was a great success and provided social cohesion to the village particularly as the annual fete is no longer being held.

7. Chairman's Report - Cllr Terry Blake

During the past year there has been one change in the membership of the Parish Council. In July of last year Councillor Goodwyn submitted her resignation and I would like to thank her for her contribution during the years in which she served on the Parish Council. We were pleased to welcome William Brock who, in the absence of an election was co-opted onto the Council in October to fill the vacancy.

We have the usual reports on the work of the Village Hall Committee, Neighbourhood Watch, Speedwatch and Footpaths throughout the year. In addition we have reports from the newly formed Traffic Management Working Group and the Parish Plan Group which has recently been re-formed as a new team led by Councillor Trigwell-Jones to update our Parish Plan. I would like to thank all those involved in these activities for their hard work and valuable contributions, and all other members of our community who contribute in their various ways to our parish life.

We have again had a busy year with planning applications, 25 in total. Although down from the exceptionally high number of 32 the previous year, it is still a large number for a parish of our size.

Perhaps the most significant planning decision was in respect of the application for two large warehouses on a greenfield site adjacent to Wilsom Road. After a lengthy delay while the planners waited for the applicant to respond to the concerns over flooding expressed by the Environment Agency, the decision was finally taken to refuse the application. As the site has been designated as employment land under the Local Plan we wait to see whether a further application will be submitted.

There have been concerns over the expansion of the concrete crushing activity on the Meadow Farm site, beyond the boundaries approved in the planning application last year. This is being monitored by the SDNPA planners together with our County Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee.

We were pleased to have been consulted on a possible housing development scheme incorporating farm buildings at Park Farm in the centre of East Worldham. I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Whidborne for giving us the opportunity to comment.

Installation of the Solar Farm on the Wilsom Farm site was completed in April of last year and is now operational. We are pleased to see that the operator has recently fulfilled an important planning condition, the planting of tree and hedgerow screening around the site. The good news for the parish is that we now receive an annual income from the operator of £4,000 plus a year for the next 20 years. We have just received the 2nd payment which brings the total

received to date to £8082. However, there are restrictions on how we can use this money, on which the Parish Clerk will elaborate in his financial report, together with an explanation as to why we found it necessary to raise the precept for this coming year despite this source of income.

Over the past year much time has been spent by Parish Councillors in attending meetings and following developments on the Devolution proposals for the County and District Councils. Following the political upset caused by last year's referendum the government appears to have been giving this initiative a lower priority, although I'm not sure that it has gone away.

As ever, speed of traffic through the parish continues to be a source of concern to many of our parishioners. In May of last year a resident of East Worldham wrote to the Parish Council expressing concern at the speed of traffic through the village, particularly HGVs on Worldham Hill, and asking us to take a more active role on this issue. It was pointed out that the Parish Council has succeeded in obtaining a number of measures over the years to reduce speeding and increase safety in the village, including the reduction of the speed limit, painting of double white lines on Worldham Hill, the installation of a traffic island adjacent to the village hall entrance to assist pedestrians with crossing the road and the establishment of the Speedwatch group. However, it was accepted by councillors that there is still a concern and the Parish Council set up a Traffic Management Working Group to look at what other courses of action could be pursued. Councillor Fife will elaborate more on the activities of this Group in his report. However, I would just mention the rather surprising result from a traffic survey carried out over a 7 day period in March of this year which showed reductions in traffic numbers and speed compared to a similar survey undertaken in February 2008.

Perhaps it is opportune to mention, for those residents of the village concerned at speeding traffic, the Speedwatch team needs more volunteers to give a few hours of their time to help with monitoring traffic speeds through the village. Another point worthy of mention concerning traffic is the impact of the Whitehill Bordon development. We had been told that money would be available for mitigation measures to offset the anticipated increase in traffic. However, we have recently learnt that this will not be available until the impact of the new relief road has been fully assessed. We believe that this is likely to mean no action will be taken for some time

We continue to monitor the impact of the annual Jalsa Salana on our parish, in conjunction with the District Council and the Highways Dept of HCC. Again this year we experienced severe congestion on the B3004 and adjoining roads for lengthy periods during the 3 days of the event. It is not clear how this can be avoided given the numbers of people attending the event but we will continue to press for improvements in the traffic management.

Once again, I wish to thank our Parish Clerk, Robin Twining for his unstinting service to the Council, and for the enthusiastic and professional way in which he carries out his duties, including taking on the additional activities related to the Speedwatch and Traffic Management Working Groups.

I would also like to thank our County and District Councillors for the good support they have given us in various ways over the year.

Finally, I wish to thank my fellow councillors for their hard work over the past year in dealing with the essential business required for the running of the parish's affairs, and for being prepared to continue serving the community in their roles as Parish Councillors.

7. Financial Statement of the Accounts for the year 2015/16 – The Clerk I have pleasure in presenting the financial report for 2016-17

At last year's Parish Assembly I reported that our end of year balances for 2015-16 stood at £12,872 compared to the previous year's balances of £15,389. I was also projecting a further deficit for the year and this is why your Councillors took the difficult decision to raise the precept to help reduce the operating deficit.

In November last year when I presented the budget proposals to your Councillors and with my recommendations for setting the 2017-18 precept, I was again projecting a small operating deficit. The only way to meet this deficit is to increase the precept. This is why your Councillors took the decision to increase the precept from £10,278, to £10,586 a headline rise of 3.8%.

I am conscious that it is always a difficult and unpopular decision for the Councillors to have to increase the precept but I am aware that there has been a consultation by this government to make Parish Council's have to hold a referendum if they wish to increase the precept by more than 2% per year. If this became law, the cost of holding a referendum would greatly exceed the amount of monies raised by increasing the precept even by 25%.

To put the precept in context, for a band F dwelling, the cost of this year's precept is £76.86 compared to last years of £74.03 and in 2008 of £66.51 a rise of £10.35 over 9 years.

I am very pleased to able to say that we actually ended this year with a small surplus of £158 rather than my projected deficit of £399

You should have a copy of the Summary of Income and Expenditure of Worldham Parish Council for the year ending 31 March 2017. As usual I will not go through each item but will highlight the main features. In order for parishioners to compare the normal income and expenditure from one year to another, I have in the past shown the costs and grants of those projects separately in the accounts to reflect this, and I have carried on this practice this year.

You will see that £465 was spent on buying a new picnic table for the playground. This expense was met by a grant from our District Councillor David Ashcroft, and we thank him for this.

Firstly looking at the income side, our total income for 2016-17, excluding project grants was £11,919 compared to £10,272 for the previous year. This is partially due to the increase in the precept, and to an increase of nearly 50% in the income received from hiring out the East Worldham village hall. Thanks to Mike Walker for this and also for not taking any payment for looking after the village hall bookings.

The income was further supplemented by receiving £300 from the very successful pantomime which was held in February. Again many thanks to all the volunteers who made it such a success and also to District Councillor David Ashcroft who provided a grant to get the pantomime of the ground.

One of the regulations that the Parish Council has to adhere to is the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. This among other things requires the Parish Council to publish the financial information of the Council on a website, in our case Worldham.org.

I attended a training course, costing £15 about the Transparency Code and I realised that there was a pot of money which smaller authorities could apply for to meet its obligations. I duly applied and we received a grant of £288.

It was pleasing to see that our income was £1,700 higher than last year, but some of this increase may not be recurring and I am budgeting for this financial year an income of £11,298, £700 less than what we received in the year just gone. The hall is still not covering all its costs and is being subsidised via the precept.

Turning to the expenditure side, total expenditure, excluding the one off projects for the year actually decreased slightly from £12,701 in 2015/16 to £11,473 in 2016/17. This is primarily due to a number of factors.

In 2015-16 there was a number of one off costs including the costs associated with the Parish Council elections of £119, under Other Expenses, £849 were incurred by the Parish Council for legal expenses on determining the Parish Council's responsibility for the hall at West Worldham/Hartley Mauditt.

Also there was less maintenance required on the Parish infrastructure, primarily the village hall at East Worldham. Expenditure fell from £953 to £356. In addition Kate Denyer has kindly not drawn any salary for looking after the village hall resulting in a saving over last year of £186. This is much appreciated.

Also last year I reported that the Parish Council had signed up to the Lengthsman's scheme. The Parish is provided with a budget of £1,000 (equivalent to 50 hours of labour a year) to undertake work such as:

- Drainage maintaining ditches,
- Cleaning, minor repairs and cleaning of signs
- Other minor works cutting back vegetation, minor repairs to street furniture, repairs to parish owned notice boards, bus shelters.
- Work on Rights of Way and Public Footpaths

This has meant that some of the maintenance work has come out of this budget rather than from the Parish Council's budget. I am pleased to say that this scheme is continuing for at least another year.

Despite the recent news about the increase in business rates this has not had any effect on the amount payable for the village hall and the business rates for the village hall was again zero.

The decrease in expenditure was offset by an increase in the Clerk's salary due to the Councillors increasing the number of paid hours worked by the Clerk from 10 to 11 hours per week and due to the implementation of the new salary pay scales. .

The Parish Council has satisfied the requirements of the provision of Pension auto-enrolment, with the Clerk stating that he has decided not to enrol into a pension scheme. This will also save the Parish Council having to make any pension contributions.

As budgeted for, there was an increase in inspections of the village hall, including the 5 yearly electrical inspection.

Our balances stand at £13,030 compared to last year's end of year balances of £12,872. The problem that your Council faces is that the majority of our costs are non discretionary and are fixed with little scope for any savings. I am projecting a small deficit for this year and this is why your Councillors took the difficult decision to raise the precept to help reduce the operating deficit.

Finally I must mention the funds from the Solar Farm. These funds are kept in a separate account called the Worldham Community Benefit Fund. The Parish Council received £4,005.80 last year and received this year's payment, which due to the uplift in the Retail Price Index of 1.8%, of £4,077.90 last week, to late for the money to be transferred into the Worldham Community Benefit Fund bank account before the end of the financial year.

One of the conditions imposed by the Solar Farm Developers is that:

"The Parish Council agrees to apply the payment towards projects that will benefit the communities of the Parish Council and which have been approved by a meeting of the Parish Councillors prior to the allocation of any payment".

Applications to the fund are made via the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council at either the May or June meeting will decide on which projects to fund this year.

I will be happy to answer any questions regarding the accounts during the Open Forum.

8. Reports from Councillors

a) East Worldham Village Hall - Cllr Gaffney

The Hall has been well used this year for a variety of parties, meetings, yoga classes and other events not to mention the pantomime for which there were many rehearsals and three very successful performances. As you heard in the Parish Clerk's report income has reflected the greater use.

Fortunately no major repairs have been required. The lighting failed over the steps for a short time in the winter but was quickly repaired. Possible improvements to the heating are being investigated.

The annual improvement projects recommended by the Hall Sub committee this year were - Firstly small but effective changes and repairs to the hall and its access to help less able people as recommended by Gill Manning Smith and secondly, as I'm sure you have noticed, the series of photos of local scenes and people framed and hung on the walls by Nick Tupper.

Our thanks are due to many volunteers but especially to Kate Denyer for looking after the hall so very well, Mike Walker for managing the bookings, Nicki Conway for all her speedy help with the electrics, Phil Harding and Nick Tupper who have done all sorts of odd jobs and Bill Butt and Robin Twining for sweeping the steps and painting the white lines- a tricky job.

There is a stock of crockery, cutlery, etc, and several marquees that can be hired at a modest rate. The Hall is here for all our use. Do use it.

b) Parish Plan - Cllr Mary Trigwell-Jones

Our Parish Plan was published in 2010 and is subject to an Annual Review (except in 2016).

Some of you will be familiar with Parish Plans but others may not have heard about them. They give an opportunity for parishioners to have a shared vision of the way forward in our parish – possibly a wish list covering such topics as community, roads and traffic, housing, the economy and communications.

A number of the action points listed in the Parish Plans of 2010 have been achieved such as the refurbishment of the playground, the installation of the pedestrian refuge and the updating of the Worldham website.

It has now been decided to update sections of the plan and a sub-committee of the Parish Council has been set up to do this. Some of the members of this committee are from the original team and some are new to the task.

We met for the first time on 11 April, identified sections of the plan that need attention but decided to do a preliminary survey of parishioners asking them to express any concerns they may have eg slow broadband in order to help base the questionnaire on issues that relate to parishioners rather than our small group.

The survey has already been drafted and it is intended to issue it with the Kings World at the end of April. There will also be a display/opportunity to complete the survey in the pub on 4 May, County Council Election Day.

From the survey we hope to create the questionnaire again to be circulated to all parishioners.

9. Reports from Officials

a) Neighbourhood Watch - report produced by Kate Denyer

There is little to report for Worldham:

We had a long period when I received no reports from the police, as they had managed to corrupt our Watch email address at a time when the level of coordinators above was changing. However, I kept abreast of what was happening and thankfully had nothing worthy to report. Subsequently, normal service resumed and again I am happy as of today that no specific reports had any effect on our parish. We have had on a few occasions a local lookout for lost dogs.

Other than that, it has been the fairly regular warnings to be aware of fraud, scams and rogue traders.

A few members have moved away, but more are joining, so hopefully we are in good shape.

b) Speedwatch Co-ordinator - produced by John Denyer

The report was read out by the Clerk on behalf of John Denyer

Over the last 12 months, we had 18 outings where we spent a total of 13 hours at the roadside during which time 3,400 vehicles passed us. 247 of them were speeding (7%), up from 6% last year. The average speed of those exceeding the speed limit is 41 mph.

The number of cars passing per hour averaged 260 (in each direction), though that figure ranged from 530 in the rush hours to 130 on a weekend afternoon.

The worst place for speeding continues to be the hill with the proportion caught speeding in our four locations as follows:

- Bus stop traffic towards Alton 4%
- Bus stop traffic towards Kingsley 6%
- Hill traffic towards Alton 11%
- Hill traffic towards Kingsley 13%

Contrary to perception, commercial vehicles such as lorries and most vans (but not buses or taxis) tend to be much better at sticking to the speed limit. The offenders are mostly private cars.

You will have noticed that the police speed van has been outside the village hall on quite a few occasions this year, which may well, be due to their analysis of our efforts at the roadside. It is certainly there much more regularly than it used to be, and is a further reason to try to keep the scheme running.

The Clerk and his Speedwatch deputy would like to thank our volunteers, who 4-5 times per year donate 90 minutes of their time to help keep Worldham safe. We have 11 volunteers so we have done quite well in time spent at the roadside. 11 is about the minimum number with which it is practical to continue to operate the scheme, so as always if you are aware of any potential new volunteers, it does of course make it easier for the rest of us and gives some resilience if someone has to drop out.

If anyone is prepared to volunteer, on the job training is provided. Those who are already on the team would agree that it is both a rewarding and sociable experience.

Again, thank you all for your efforts, and on a personal note to John Denyer for undertaking the majority of the co-ordination and inputting of the data.

c) Traffic Management Working Group- Cllr Fife

In the late spring of 2016 the Parish Council noted an announcement from Hampshire County Council regarding a new community funded traffic management initiative. This would give Town and Parish Councils more flexibility to promote local measures in their communities, which they could fully fund themselves. Traffic management enhancements could include:

- village gateways
- · enhanced village place name signs
- vehicle activated speed limit reminder signs
- · minor signs and carriageway lining alterations
- informal crossing points for pedestrians

The Parish Council tried for 6 months to arrange a meeting with Highways to discuss this initiative and any possible traffic calming measures that could be implemented.

Meanwhile the Clerk had reported that a number of parishioners had commented on the lack of action by the Parish Council regarding Traffic Management issues in East Worldham.

In response to this the Parish Council established a working group, consisting of myself, the Clerk, Tim Hayes, Tess Godbert, Gill Manning-Smith and James Goodwyn with a specific remit "to look into all aspects of traffic management issues within the Parish and to report back to the Parish Council with their findings and proposals"

The Working Group met in November and discussed the traffic problems within the parish. They noted the findings of the February 2013 WSP report on proposed traffic mitigation as a result of the Whitehill/Bordon Eco-town. The report included, at an estimated cost of £40,000, the provision of enhanced village gateways, vehicle activated speed signs for Worldham and a reduction in the speed limit from 60 to 40 mph along the B3004

In December the Worldham Traffic Management Group met with Ian Janes of Highways. An outcome of that meeting is that Highways have carried out two traffic surveys on the B3004. You may have recently noticed the 3 black boxes on the street furniture within East Worldham.

After the December meeting, Ian Janes spoke to colleagues in the County Council's transport team who advised him that the process for finalising the Whitehill and Bordon eco-town corridors (including the B3004 through Worldham Parish) had recently started. He was told further progress should be made in the early months of 2017.

In early February the Clerk contacted Ian Janes requesting a meeting with him and Nichola Waight who is one of the Highways Officers concerned with the Whitehill/Bordon traffic mitigation schemes. Ian replied responded saying that he had spoken with the transport team and whilst they were in the process of reviewing the Whitehill and Bordon transport corridors they were not in a position to provide more information regarding Worldham specifically.

Last Friday the Clerk received an email from Ian Janes saying that to date he had no further updates from his transport team colleagues.

The only positive outcome so far is that Highways have carried out the traffic surveys on the B3004 during the period Monday 10th March to Sunday 17th March. Unfortunately the B3004 was closed, due to a traffic accident, for a number of hours on Thursday morning with a consequent skewing of the data. A further traffic survey was undertaken last week.

The Clerk has produced a number of spreadsheets looking at the traffic survey results on Worldham Hill and comparing them as far as possible to the traffic survey undertaken in February 2008, when the speed limit was 40 mph. You will note the following:

- The total traffic volume (Eastbound) in 2017 was 25,739 vehicle movements compared to 25,974 in 2008
- The total traffic volume (Westbound) in 2017 was 24,014 vehicle movements compared to 25,759 in 2008
- The mean average speed (Eastbound) in 2017 was 37.3 mph compared to 43.8 mph in 2008
- The mean average speed (Westbound) in 2017 was 32.6 mph compared to 41.1 mph in 2008

I.e. there has been both a small reduction in the volume and speed of the traffic.

The full set of the analyses will shortly be available on the Worldham.org website.

Finally the Clerk is in contact with Headley Parish Council for sharing the use of their Speed Indicator device. We are awaiting a response from Headley.

d) Footpaths - report produced by Carolyn Wilson-Webb

The report was read out by Cllr Trigwell-Jones on behalf of Carolyn Wilson-Webb

There is very little to report this year as I have only been notified of two problems.

August 5th A combine harvester had an altercation with an electricity pole in the field adjacent to the church causing a power line to hang down dangerously close to foot path 37. A dog walker had notified South Eastern Electricity and I followed this up later that evening. An engineer arrived that same evening and erected a notice across the foot path saying Danger High Voltage.

August 6th The pole had been replaced and the foot path was declared open again on August 8th

August 15th.I contacted Elliot Rowe of Hampshire Rights of Way team to ascertain the classification of Pookles Lane. It is apparently an unclassified road and as such comes under the jurisdiction of HCC Highways Department. They have been notified by a local motor cycle club of a fallen tree blocking access to this lane so they are aware of vehicles using this lane. The presumption of ownership of this track is the landlord on each side up to the middle of the lane indicating that they (HCC) would not become involved with removing the tree. Although Rights of Way know of the problems of vehicular traffic using Pookles Lane their response to our notification of serious rutting by cars and bikes was 'Your enquiry is progressing.' I have heard nothing further.

I understand that works have been on going in Binswood and Cllr Blake has details of this. The lengthsman is about to repair the steps, apparently, where foot path 32 crosses Clays Lane. This problem was first reported in 2015 and so all walkers will be pleased that this access will now become safer to use again

10. Open Forum and Public Questions

Members of the public asked a number of questions.

Question. Whether Pookles Lane is classified as a BOAT.

Answer The Parish Council has queried its classification on a number of occasions and understands that it is not a BOAT but is an unclassified road. Ccllr Kemp-Gee stated that if it is an unclassified road then HCC is responsible for any repairs. HCC are repairing a number of BOATs and are trying to ban 4 X 4's on BOATs.

Question. Whether there has been a reduction in the number of lorries going through

Worldham.

Answer The perception is that there has been a reduction especially in lorries

carrying sand. Ccllr Kemp-Gee stated that the plans for a feeder spur onto the A31 from the B3004 have not progressed. The junction at Mill Lane is

already operating above capacity.

Question. How many enforcement officers are employed by EHDC?

Answer Dcllr Ashcroft answered that the number is being increased to four.

Question. Will the proposed 6 swimming lanes for the new sports centre in Alton be

adequate?.

Answer Dcllr Ashcroft answered that the nothing has yet been fixed or decided on

what will be in the sports centre.

Dr White/Mrs Twining addressed the meeting.

As you know I've recently become semi-retired and am considering taking on a new role as a village agent. Despite what it sounds this hasn't got anything to do with MI5 or MI6.

The role is a voluntary post in association with Age Concern and I believe supported by Hampshire County Council. The purpose is to signpost older people in their community to the services and information they may need.

Age Concern has suggested that I cover the King's World area and that I obtain the support of the Parish Councils. So I will need to ask the Worldham Parish Clerk to put this onto the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting. I would hope to be up and running in the summer following my induction training period.

Cllr Blake asked the Clerk to put this request on the next Parish Council's meeting and thought that the Parish Council would be very supportive of the Village Agent.

Dcllr Ashcroft thanked the Parish Councillors for all the hard work that they do, and that it is much appreciated by the community.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm