

CHEARSLEY PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:

Councillors Brown, Mrs Dormer, Miss Gibson, Mrs Timberlake, Mrs Towell, 14 members of the public, Parish Clerk

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

APOLOGIES:

District Councillors Edmonds and Smith, Mr J Daish, Village Trust, Police Representative

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING OF APRIL 19th 2008

These were approved as a true record, after being amended to show Councillor Brown attended.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked those present for attending. He reported that it had been a quiet year for the Parish Council.

Meetings are held monthly, on the first Monday of the month with the exception of August. Each meeting begins with a public session.

Kerbing.

The Parish council was very pleased to get funding from Bucks CC for kerbing. The Chairman proposed thanks to County Cllr Edmonds for his support and to Mr John Daish who drew up the original

There are plans in hand to repair and renovate the path across the Green. The Parish council is looking into the possibility of replacing the grey phone box with a traditional red one. They have also discussed the possibility of a web camera on the Green.

A Christmas tree on the Green has also been discussed. After the initial outlay on lights etc, the annual cost would be minimal.

The Millennium recreation ground has been levelled and will be cut regularly. Mrs Scholefield suggested a bench in the gazebo.

The litter bins by the shop and bus stop are not being emptied- this has been reported.

The Chairman stressed that the aim of the Parish council was to improve the village. Plans. Village issues are discussed, and the Parish Council had monitored planning applications over the year, none of which had been contentious. Precept had been reduced by drawing down on reserves from previous year. Footpaths and greens are maintained. The Parish Council organises a litter pick twice a year and the Chairman thanks the volunteers who had

helped. The police had been in the village several times to monitor speeding at the request of the Parish Council.

Other Matters would be covered further on in the Agenda.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Edmonds sent apologies

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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POLICE REPORT

Apologies

FINANCIAL REPORT

See attached.

VILLAGE SHOP

The tea rooms are very busy, but the shop needs more support

STOCKWELL PROJECT

Mrs Timberlake reported that grants had been applied for and Vale Volunteers were coming in October to clear the pond, and help manage the vegetation round the pond and ditch

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Apologies were received from John Daish. Cheersley has been quiet from crime point of view.

CRICKET CLUB REPORT

The cricket club had a successful year, and the new season had just started.

SPEEDING MEASURES

The police have been in the village several times with speed guns.

VILLAGE CAR SERVICE

The Village Car Service reported 53 requests for transport from 11 members of the community. Drivers were thanked. Volunteers are always welcome. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Jock Scholefield.

CHEARSLEY VILLAGE TRUST

Mrs Whiffen sent apologies on behalf of the Trust, and sent a report that £ 835.00 had been allocated to 10 organisations with links to the village. The main source of income was the Fete, which takes place on alternate years.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

The Hall is solvent. A willow structure has been constructed outside and the car park has been painted by CHUF with games. The next plan is to update the kitchen. Health and Safety have identified various areas needing improvement. The hall is booked almost every night and is in continual use by the playgroup.

Priorities and a schedule of work were being drawn up, and comments were requested.

It was suggested that the Hall be redecorated and that new curtains were needed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Condition of Roads - Cllr Edmonds had sent a message that the pot hole on the way to Cuddington would be repaired in the next few days.

Cllr Mrs Dormer reported that the heating in the Hall was insufficient and needed looking at.

The Chairman thanked those attending the meeting and to the Parish councillors for their work.

Meeting closed 8.45.

Meeting closed at 9.20.