

Minutes of Annual Parish Assembly

Held on Wednesday 18 April 2012 at Atworth Village Hall

Apologies: Robert Floyd, Alan Bagnell, Tom McMahon, Mark Griffiths, P.C. Barry Dalton

Attending: Councillors, Effie Gale-Sides, Bill Cooke, Bob Hole, John Lambert, Arnold Snowball, Maureen Weston plus 20 members of the public

Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 20 April, 2011 were unanimously approved – proposed by Maureen Weston and seconded by Robert Hole

Matters Arising: There were none.

Audio Visual Presentation: A brief film presentation took place inviting members of the public to consider becoming an elected member when local elections take place in May, 2013.

Presentations: Madam Chairman, Effie Gale- Sides, went on to make presentations of 'Certificates of Thanks' to the following individuals,

- Bridget Sawyer, for 31 years of outstanding service to Atworth Brownies. The Parish is truly grateful for your contribution.
- Derek Edwards has carried out the duties of Treasurer for the village hall and recreation grounds for many years. He has been a stalwart and personally overseen the well being of the recreation ground. We wish him well. The gift was accepted on his behalf by Bill Cooke.
- Wendy McMahon has been a school governor for 15 years, overseen the smooth running of the youth club and also been an extremely good neighbour to many. Thank you for your contribution to the community.

Charles Boyle, who retired as Parish Clerk at the end of Sep 2011, was thanked for his contribution to the parish and this sentiment was fully endorsed by those attending the meeting. His wife, Isabel, was also to be congratulated for her unstinting support to Charles, whilst in his role as Parish Clerk.

Madam Chairman concluded, by asking for nominations for certificates of thanks for the year 2012/13.

Chairman's Report: Madam Chairman presented her report for 2011. This will be available on the Parish Council website, as will all other reports, unless indicated to the contrary.

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Madam Chairman added that the year had included a visit by MP Duncan Hames and that Cllr Mark Griffiths had been supportive of the Parish Council's activities.

Report by County Councillor: In Mr Griffiths absence the Parish Clerk handed this report to Madam Chairman.

Report from St Michaels & All Angels: Rev Jill Perrett presented her report.

Report from Wiltshire Police: The Parish Clerk presented the report in the absence of PC Barry Dalton.

Report from Neighbourhood Policing Task Group: The Parish Clerk presented the report in the absence of PC Barry Dalton.

Report from Neighbourhood Watch: Mrs Rosemary Ward presented her report.

Report from Churchfields School: The Head Teacher, Mr Steven Bennett, presented his report.

Report from Snapdragons Nursery: The Nursery Manager, Alison Shires, presented her report.

Report from Atworth WI: Mrs Leslie Adams, WI Chairman, presented her report.

Report from Atworth Youth Club: Wendy McMahon, the Youth Club Leader, presented her report.

Report from Atworth Guides & Brownies: Ms Bridget Sawyer presented the report.

Report from Atworth Independent Church: In the absence of Rodney and Christine Price the Parish Clerk presented the report.

Report from the Trustees of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground: Bill Cooke presented the report.

Report from Atworth History Group: Eileen Stoydin presented the report.

Report from Atworth Autumn Show: Fred Pooley presented the report.

Report from 'Tea Parties for Atworth Seniors': Mrs Mavis King presented her report.

Report from Speed Watch: Richard Schoppler presented his report. He summarised by saying that he was in the process of organising further training for 5 new volunteers. He also mentioned that his team suffered occasionally from verbal abuse, but since June 1, 2011, when speed watch activities commenced, metro counters had recorded average speeds of 45mph through the village.

Report from Atworth Traffic Action Group (ATAG): Ruth Griffin presented the report.

Report from the Village Magazine and Website: Lynne Spencer presented her report.

Bank Account Balances: The Parish Clerk outlined the balances at March 31 March, 2012.

Lloyds - £3213.45 Santander - £10015.97

The year-end accounts would be presented to the May 2012, Parish Council meeting, for members approval.

Lynne Spencer asked why the precept for 2012/13 had been increased by 1%. The Parish Clerk advised that there had been no increase and that he would respond to her personally, following the meeting.

Any Other Business: Madame Chairman invited those attending to remain after the meeting's closure to enjoy refreshments. She also invited everyone to attend the forthcoming Jubilee Events meetings and put forward any suggestions that they may have. The Parish Clerk introduced Phil McMullen, the recently appointed Melksham Community Area Partnership (MCAP) Coordinator. Phil had very kindly arranged for the provision of the audio visual equipment necessary to show the film. Phil would welcome any enquiries regarding the MCAP Strategic Plan.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

A bouquet of flowers was presented to Effie Gale-Sides, Parish Council Chairman, for her hard work throughout the past year and this was endorsed by those attending.