

## Extracts from the Parish Council Meeting

May 9th 2011

Much of the meeting was taken up with the election of councillors to the various posts and sub committees. The outgoing Chairman Mr Terry Ward officiated at the election of the new Chairman prior to departing for a well earned retirement and we all wish him well and thank him for all the hard work he put in during his term of office. The new Parish Council structure is now as follows:

Chairman                      Mr John Michael  
Vice Chairman Mr David Harrison

Sub Committee Chairpersons:

Environment                Mr Ken Blackwell  
Commons & Hams        Mr Mike Legg  
Recreation                 Mrs Claire Campbell  
Community Centre        Ms Mel Baker

Two items of interest arose from the open forum. The first was regarding problems with use of the footpaths on the main road due to overhanging hedges. The owners will be contacted so that this problem can be addressed. The other was to express thanks for the work carried out at Kerswell Green to improve clearance of surface water run off which has plagued the hamlet for some time.

A recent ROSPA inspection of the play equipment in the childrens area suggested some minor improvements which will be undertaken. Some of the new play equipment has recently been vandalised by setting the seat of the pendulum swing on fire. Names of the five alleged culprits have been forwarded and one has been spoken to about the incident and we intend to recover the costs of these repairs from the families involved if admissions are forthcoming. An insecure drain cover on the playing fields will be replaced shortly with a more robust version and a new boiler is to be installed in the pavillion to replace two old units that are now defunct. The new lighting for the basketball area is now operational.

The remedial work at Ashmoor Common is due to commence there in July following the receipt of quotes from interested contractors.

A WCC Bus Service Review is currently under way and the Parish Council will make representations on this by the 18th May deadline.

A structural survey of the Community Centre is to be undertaken due to ongoing problems arising from the age of the building. This survey will provide us with a full picture of the state of the building with the intention for a schedule of works to be prepared and carried out in sequence as budgets allow. This should prevent us having to deal with unforeseen problems as they arise and secure the integrity of the building for years to come.

**John Michael, Chairman.**