

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 20TH APRIL 2011 AT 7.30 p.m.**  
**AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** - Mr. T. Ward, (in the Chair)

Ms M. Baker; Mrs. C. Campbell; Mrs. P. Gerrard ; Mr. N Brookes; Mrs. J Jones;  
Mrs. K.Biddle; Mr. J. Michael; Mr. K.Blackwell and Mr. M.Legg

**IN ATTENDANCE:** - County Councillor Mr. R Bullock; District Councillors' Mrs. M Walters and Mr. M.Biddle and 6 Parishioners.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** - Mr. D.Harrison (accepted) & Mrs. A.Halford (received)

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:-**

The approved minutes from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were available for inspection.

**3. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: –**

A report was presented by the Chairman . He highlighted that the Parish Council had been prudent with money due to a loss of income from commercial rents. He also highlighted monies remained unspent due to imminent works that were required for building improvements and maintenance repairs. He expressed a word of thanks to all Parish Councillors for the excellent work and progress carried out within the last year, with special thanks to Mrs. Biddle, Mr. Brookes and especially. Mrs. Jones who will be retiring after 20 years service.

**4. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2010/11:-**

The un-audited accounts were circulated.

**5. POLICE REPORT:** - The following Crime Statistics were reported in the absence of PC Sarah Ransome – Williams:-

All Crime	Year 09/10	Year 10/11	
	117	96	18% Reduction
Burglary	2	4	
Vehicle	12	10	
Violent	10	23	
Criminal	23	10	
Other	70	49	
Anti – Social	113	78	31% Change

A question raised was are the police able to do anything within their powers to stop Scrap Metal Merchants noise? This query is to be addressed.

**6. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:** - Mr. R. Bullock reported that any queries addressed to him at monthly Parish Council Meetings were directed to the appropriate County Council Official and as a result these problems were dealt with in an efficient manner usually by the next Parish Council Meeting. He reported that Highways had completed all jobs required reported to them during the winter period.

**7. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:** - Mrs. Walters and Mr. Biddle presented reports with the opportunity to ask any questions. (Copies attached). The Chairman expressed his word of thanks and appreciation to both District Councillors' and wished them a happy retirement.

**8. DISCUSSIONS ARISING FROM REPORTS:-**

Ms Baker asked Mr. Bullock if the top dressing to pot hole repairs made in Old Road North could be investigated. Mrs. Jones highlighted that pot hole repairs made in Kings Hill had been corrected due to the same problems experienced.

Mr. Legg addressed concerns to Mr. Bullock concerning the eroding triangle piece of land at Kerswell Green. Mr. Bullock advised this would be a costly exercise and penalize residents parking.

Mr. Blackwell asked Mr. Bullock who was responsible for cutting the tree on the corner of Napleton Lane (A38) as this was causing visibility issues. Mr. Bullock will ask County Council to write to the landowners.

Mrs. Jones asked Mrs. Walters if the signs to the play area located in Windmill Lane were positioned in the correct location? Mrs. Walters confirmed she had investigated this query and had been advised that they were.

Mr. Brookes brought to the attention of Mr. Biddle that sewerage seepage was a major problem in the alley at Hillside. Mr. Biddle highlighted the existing drainage system had been a problem since the 1950's. He claimed to have sewerage records that he would make available to the clerk and would also report this problem.

Mrs. Jones was presented with a bouquet of flowers as a thank you for her hard work and efforts she has contributed to the Parish Council over the last 20 years.

Mr. Michael also expressed appreciation to Mr. Ward for his contributions and hard work as Chairman and wished him a happy retirement. He was awarded a token of appreciation.

The Chairman thanked parishioners for attending. He then closed the meeting at 8.32pm

Sharon Baxter  
Clerk  
25<sup>th</sup> April 2011