

ETCHINGHAM

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Etchingham Annual Parish

held on Thursday 10th April 2014

at 7.30pm in the Etchingham Village Hall

Members Present: Cllr. Mrs. M. Varrall (Chairman); Cllrs. Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Childs, Mr. S. Barrow, Mr. C. Boylett, Mr. P. Benn, and Mr. G. Lucas

Also present: R. Hodgson – Clerk to the Council; and thirtysix members of the general public

01/14. Apologies for Absence:

None.

02/14. Minutes of the previous meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2013 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

03/14. Matters arising:

The matter of traffic issues will be discussed under agenda item 7.

04/14. Chairman's Annual Report 2014:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman's Report had been published in the Annual Report, copies of which were available from the clerk.

Cllr. Mrs. Varrall outlined the work of the Council in the past year and highlighted the continued improvement to the fabric of village amenities, e.g. the play areas and fingerposts etc. This would be the last meeting in the current Village Hall and although in some ways a sad occasion it also signalled the near completion of many years of hard work by a number of people in securing the new village community facilities.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, Village Organisations and many individuals paid tribute to Barbara Thomas and Gwen Allum for their wonderful work in managing and looking after the Village Hall. The Chairman made a presentation of gifts to both ladies.

Cllr. Mrs. Varrall thanked Members of the Parish Council and the clerk for all their efforts during the past year.

05/14. Etchingam Annual Report 2014:

The Clerk thanked all those who had submitted contributions for the Annual Report and explained that individual contributions were available via e-mail or the E-Bulletin.

06/14. Report and/or Notices from the Parish Clerk:

The clerk recorded thanks to Barbara Thomas and Gwen Allum for their work in respect of the Village Hall and to Karen Neve for her assistance with the play areas.

07/14. Etchingam Traffic Issues:

A number of Members of the public addressed the meeting about traffic issues in the High Street. The Chairman reported that some progress had been made but many of the issues still remained, especially the parking problems. It was agreed that the Village needed to sustain the pressure on ESCC Highways for continued improvements.

08/14. Public Time:

Mr. Colin Phillips drew attention to the fact that the old Barnfield site was for sale and that the CIC were assessing the potential for a village project.

Concern was expressed over the future of the Mobile Library. C. Cllr. J. Barnes stated that it was the intention of ESCC to retain the service but it was likely to be on a three weekly rota in future.

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