

CLERK'S REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES
MAY 2005

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 9 May 2005

This is the AGM of the Council at which the Chairman and Vice-chairman are elected as well as the members of the various committees.

This year, the Council elected a new Chairman – Mary Bourne. Bob Akers was re-elected Vice-chairman and the following committees members were agreed:

(i) Planning Committee

Bob Akers
Lynn Bonner
Mary Bourne
Gillian Thornton

(ii) Playing Field Committee

Bob Akers
Mary Bourne
Trevor Goodingham

(iii) Highways and Byways Committee

Lynn Bonner
Martin Nash
Alison Scarll

Bob Akers remains Allotment Manager and Trevor Gooding continues as Parish Council representative on the Villager Hall Management Committee.

CASUAL VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL

I have been informed that no residents called for a by-election. This means that the Parish Council can co-opt to the vacancy left by Anthony Oliver. If you would like to be considered for co-option, could you let me or Mary Bourne know and let us have some brief details about you and why you want to join the Council.

The 'ordinary' matters that I was asked to report on at the May meeting are:

PAINTING AFTERNOON – SUNDAY 29 MAY

Do come to the Playing Field at around 3:00pm to help paint the swings and fencing at the children's play area. Paint and brushes will be supplied

SUMMER BONANZA – SUNDAY 10 JULY

The Parish Council is supporting the WI with their Summer Bonanza which will include a BBQ and the very welcome return of the scarecrow competition. Mary Bourne will be running a stall selling children's toys and clothes to raise funds for the

children's play equipment refurbishment. If you can help in any way, please contact Mary.

ALLOTMENT RENTS

These are now due and should be given to Bob Akers.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The police are hoping to restart the scheme in the village. Jill Dockley, the eastern area organiser plans to hold a public meeting and recruit new co-ordinators. Details of the meeting will be advertised as soon as they are finalised.

BUS TO PRESDALES

If your daughter is going to Presdales next year and you would like to add your name to those seeking the re-introduction of the bus, could you let me know asap.

DOG MESS BINS

Following the last report, I was contacted by a dog owner requesting more dog mess bins be provided. The Council has looked at this in the past but has felt that it cannot afford the £480 per bin installation cost sought by the District Council. Unless funding can be obtained, the Council remains unable to provide more such bins and dog owners are asked to take the mess home with them or to use the special bin in Trinity Walk or the wheelie bin on the Village Green.

PARENT PARKING

The Council learned with gratitude of the offer by the landlord of the Goat to allow parents to park in the pub's car park when delivering and collecting children at the JMI. It noted with disappointment that parents are parking alongside the Church, causing difficulties for other motorists. Please could parents use either the car park at the Goat or the one at the Townshend Arms rather than park at the school or by the Church.

WILDLIFE MEADOW

A reminder that the Wildlife Meadow is looking particularly lovely at the moment – do visit it, walk the paths, sit and rest on the Cutler seat and simply enjoy the view.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2005

We have just been informed that the judges will be visiting the village in the afternoon of Thursday 9 June. The group organising the village's entry plans to meet them at the Village Hall and then to take them separately round the village, showing them all the best bits and meeting representatives from village organisations before re-assembling back at the Village Hall for tea and a chat. If you would like to be involved, please contact me as soon as you can.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6 June 2005 in the Mission Room at 7.30pm. Members of the public are always welcome.

Carolyn Morgan
Clerk to the Council