

CLERK'S REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES
MAY 2006

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – 8 MAY 2006

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 re-elected Mary Bourne as Chairman and Bob Akers as Vice-chairman. The following committees members were agreed:

(i) Planning Committee

Bob Akers
Lynn Bonner
Mary Bourne
Martin Nash
Gillian Thornton

(ii) Playing Field Committee

Bob Akers
Mary Bourne
Andrew Crumpton
Trevor Goodingham

(iii) Highways and Byways Committee

Lynn Bonner
Alan Horswill
Alison Scarll

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

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

The judges will be visiting the Village on Thursday 8 June. Following their arrival at the Village Hall at 2.15pm, they will be taken on tours to show them all the new things that have happened in the village since the last visit. They will be back at the Hall at about 3:00pm for refreshments and a chat with as many residents as possible. If you would like to come to talk to them, please do so.

BOB'S POND

A reminder that the official opening will be at noon on Sunday 11 June. Andrew (not Tim as I put last month) Wood will lead a nature walk around the meadow at 10:30am. We will meet at the gate.

Following the opening, villagers are invited to picnic on the meadow.

We are hoping that there will be an exhibition of "Collages for the Queen" produced by children at the JMI and which will be sent to the Queen as a present for her 80th birthday.

VILLAGE FETE

Advance notice that this will be held on Sunday 16 July starting at 1:30pm. Watch for details in posters and in my next report.

PLAYING FIELD

I did not have time (or space) last month to include the Parish Council's congratulations to the Hertford Heath Football Club on its success (in only its second year in the Herts County League) in gaining promotion. The Club requested permission to install semi-permanent fencing around the pitch and hard standing on two sides of the pitch. These are requirements if it is to play in the higher league. The Parish Council granted permission for these two improvements and will look at any further requests as and when they are made.

The new children's play equipment and the fencing around the play area should be completed by the end of June. The maximum contribution by the Parish Council is less than £1000, it having obtained over £23,000 in grants from outside bodies.

BOULES ON THE GREEN

The Parish Council was asked by residents if they could adapt the tarmac strip across the Green for use as a boules court. The Council thought this an excellent idea and, subject to the small works required not causing a hazard to those walking on the Green or causing difficulties when the grass is mown, were more than happy to accede to the request.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5 June 2006 in the Mission Room at 7.30pm. Members of the public are always welcome.

Carolyn Morgan
Clerk to the Council