

CLERK'S REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

MAY 2007

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This was held on Monday 14 May with a number of local electors present to hear Chairman Mary Bourne's report of the activities of the Parish Council over the past year, together with reports from the Police, the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust, the Village Hall Management Committee and the Church. The Parish Council intends to send a copy of the Chairman's report, together with a summary of the financial statement to all residents as it did last year.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – 14 MAY 2007

This is the AGM of the Council (not to be confused with the Annual Parish Meeting!) 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
Gillian Thornton

(ii) Playing Field Committee

Bob Akers
Mary Bourne
Andrew Crumpton
Trevor Goodingham

(iii) Highways and Byways Committee

Lynn Bonner
Andrew Crumpton
Alison Scarll

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

VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Alan Horswill and Martin Nash did not stand for election to the Parish Council and so there are two vacant seats which (hopefully) will be filled at the Parish Council meeting on 4 June. If you would like to be considered for co-option, could you let me have some brief details about yourself, your reasons for wishing to be a councillor, other community/council work, other skills you can bring to the Council, etc. I would be grateful if you could let me have this by noon on Friday 1st June 2007.

The Parish Council paid tribute to all the work Alan and Martin had carried out whilst on the Council, particularly in setting up the Internet Access Point, on organising the 20mph petition and on co-ordinating the entries for the various Village of the Year competitions.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2007 COMPETITION

The judges will be visiting the Village on Thursday 7 June, I believe in the afternoon but have not had the details confirmed. Following their arrival at the Village Hall 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 (I think) for refreshments and a chat with as many residents and others as possible. If you would like to come to talk to them, please do so.

VILLAGE POST OFFICE

Mr Pycock failed to deliver on his promise to provide a report for the Annual Parish Meeting. The Parish Council continues to seek an early re-opening of the Post Office and will raise a number of issues it has regarding the investigation and its effects on the village and Mrs Cousins with Adam Crozier of the Royal Mail.

VILLAGE FETE

More volunteers to help on the day are still needed. If you can help, even if that is only for an hour, please ring Brenda Wilson on 581254 or Trevor Goodingham on 554293.

BOB'S POND

Thanks to the generosity of East Herts Equestrian Centre which installed a liner for the pond at no charge, Bob's Pond which had become a Puddle and then a Pothole, now seems to be holding water. The surrounding area should quickly regenerate itself and we all hope that the pond provides a haven for wildlife soon.

ROAD SAFETY

The recent accident to a small child outside the school reinforces the need for everyone to be aware of the dangers to small children caused by cars carelessly parked. Parents are reminded that the landlords of both the Goat and Townshend Arms Public Houses have agreed to cars being parked in their car parks while children are walked to school.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4 June 2006 in the Mission Room at 7.30pm. Members of the public are always welcome.

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