

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 10 MAY 2004

I was asked to mention a number of items in this report of the Parish Council's AGM held on 10 May.

The Council was concerned to learn that a number of rats had been seen in the village. The brown rat is principally responsible for Weil's Disease, a potentially fatal infection which can be spread by rats' urine. The District Council will treat rats and mice for FREE and will respond to calls within two working days. The Pest Control Team can be contacted on 01279655261. Please be vigilant – rats breed at a phenomenal rate and can often be found living in compost heaps.

Plans are being finalised for the opening ceremony for the Wildlife Meadow on Sunday 4 July at noon, to be followed by a Village Picnic. Every one is invited and it is hoped that as many people as possible will come. (I am ending my holiday early so I can be there!) William Ashley has kindly agreed to do the honours. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us and a good time will be had by all. Drink (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be provided by the Parish Council – just bring your own food and something to sit on. Not everyone will fit on the bench dedicated to three generations of the Cutler family who have had allotments for over 100 years.

Despite the notices asking that dog mess is not put in the litter bins, I have received reports that some residents continue to do so. The three small litter bins are emptied by hand. It does not seem too much to ask that dog owners take their bags of dog mess home with them and put the bags in their wheelie bins. The village is lucky to have such conscientious litter pickers and it would be a great shame if the irresponsible attitude of a very small minority of dog owners caused the litter pickers to give up.

The Parish Council has received the report into the location of equipment and pitches on the Playing Field from the National Playing Fields Association. The Association has suggested three alternative sites for the teenagers' meeting point. Consultation on the proposed relocation will, by the time you read this, have taken place at the drop-in session on 21 May. The results of that consultation will be considered, together with the costs of the relocation and sources of funding for that, as soon as possible.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 7 June in the Mission Room, starting at 7.30pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

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Clerk to the Council