

NORTHINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, Swarraton
Thursday 22nd April 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr R. Brooke (Chairman), Mr R. Bryant (Deputy Chairman) Mrs M.Nightingale
Mr J. Mitchell, Mr N. Baxter (District Councillor) and 14 members of the parish.

Apologies; Mr R. Leonard, Mrs A Leonard, Mrs S. Martin, Mrs S. Wye, Mr J. Wye, Mrs J. Parr,
Mr G. Parr, Mrs M. Green, Mr R Green.

Owing to the Parish Clerk being unavoidably detained in France because of the Volcanic eruption in Iceland and the resulting dust cloud the minutes were recorded by M. Nightingale.

1.Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29th April 2009 were agreed and adopted.

2. Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

3 .District Councillor's Report. Councillor Baxter reported that the Winchester City Council had held their last full meeting before the 6th May Election of our new Member of Parliament and one third of the District Councillors. He is continuing to send his bi-monthly reports to the surrounding villages. The South Downs Joint Committee is divided into 14 districts and he is serving on the South Downs Planning Development Committee. He also chairs the Appeals and Disputes committee for Council Staff. Other committees that he sits on are Planning and Development Control, Standards and Full Council

The District Council have been fighting to increase the number of affordable homes in the area and have built 2000 new homes in Waterlooville. The Holiday Inn at Morn hill has opened recently. The new Car Park at Perins School in Alresford on the land given by the County Council has opened to relieve the parking problem there. Also the new Park and Ride south of Winchester has opened. The removal of the sewage works at Couch Green Itchen Abbas is expected soon.

4. County Councillor's Report. Councillor Jackie Porter's report is attached to the Minute Book.

5. Chairman's Report. The Chairman presented his Annual Report (a copy is attached to the Minute Book), and answered questions from the Meeting. The unusual event of the heavy snow in January was mentioned and how the village managed to cope with help from neighbours and friends. Hampshire County Council are now going to provide 4 new grit bins for future emergencies. The planning application for the Saw Mill at Totford has gone to the Planning Committee and the eagerly awaited verdict is expected shortly.

6. Financial Report. The draft financial report was presented. (The final Financial Report is attached to the Minute Book)

7. Neighbourhood Watch Report. Councillor Robert Bryant presented his report (a copy of which is attached to the Minute Book) He explained that he receives regular reports of crimes in the area from the Hampshire Police's Countrywatch Scheme and listed several crimes that have been committed in the Parish itself.

8. Open Forum. 2 Parishioners reported accidents during the year, one outside the Village Hall in January caused by an "ice puddle" on the bend. It was confirmed that the gully needs regular clearing out. The second accident was at midnight on the 4th April at the bend at the entrance to Grange Park near the bus shelter where a car demolished a fence. This accident is apparently being investigated by the Police.

There being no further matters arising the chairman thanked all present for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at 8pm.