

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 12th May, 2005 held at The Southdown's Hotel at 8.00.p.m.

Those present: - Mr. Hodgson (Chairman of the Parish Council), 6 parish councilors, County Councillor Miss Hendon, District Councillor Mr Shaxson and 6 members of the general public.

- 1) Apologies of absence. There were none
- 2) The Minutes of the meeting held on 12/05/04 were confirmed and signed as correct.
- 3) Matters Arising from the Minutes - There were none. Mrs Oxley of the Keepers Arms asked if Parish Council agenda's could be send to her.
- 4) County Councillor's Report. Mr Hodgson welcomed Miss Hendon as the newly elected County Councillor to the meeting. Miss Hendon said that her interests were in Education and Transport. She is a local person living at Rake and was looking forward to the challenge of serving the Community.

District Councillor's Report Mr Shaxson said the Local Development Frame work would be a very important document. Details could be found on the District-Council-web-site. The District Council was drawing up climate change strategy Sustainability 2010/15. The District Council is leading by example by cutting wastage of resources within their Council duties.

5) Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked all members of the Council (for their work attending meetings and doing odd jobs around the Parish) the Clerk and all members of the general public who attended Parish Council meetings regularly.

During the year the Parish Council have organised two events the summer picnic at the Southdown's Hotel which was attended by 100 parishioners and the village bonfire, yet again a huge success with particular thanks to Dave, Graham, Cliff and Ellen.

The asbestos has been removed from the two bus shelters and the shelter near the Police House replaced.

The Council contributed to the Midhurst Cycling study the Chairman thanked Anneke Ferrier for attending the meetings.

The Council worked hard to bring about Broadband satellite to the Parish and the connection is now available to parishioners.

Looking forward the future we can expect further developments on the National Park front and possible changes to public transport in the area with the County Council reviewing its subsidies as part of the Local Plan.

6) Financial Report. The balance sheet for the year ending 31st March, 2005 was made available for inspection

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