

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR WYSALL AND THORPE IN THE GLEBE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WYSALL HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 10, 2011, at 7pm**

The meeting was attended by 29 parishioners and they were welcomed by parish council chairman, Coun. Phil Harris, who was in the chair.

**Apologies** were received from Coun. John Cottee (Rushcliffe Borough Council).

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on May 4, 2010, were circulated to the meeting and discussed, and agreed as being correct and signed by the chairman.

**Local Organisations:** Reports were given to the meeting on behalf of activities of local organisations and were presented to the meeting on behalf of the Luncheon Club, the Burton Charity, the Bowls Club Educational Trust and the Village Hall Committee. The chairman said it was sad the Brownies had disbanded through lack of help.

A verbal report was provided by Mr David Gray on behalf of the Wysall and Thorpe Bowls Club Educational Trust which had been established in 1988 with the proceeds from the sale of the Bowls Club land and the pavilion to the parish council. The land now forms part of the play area behind the village hall. The aim of the trust was 'to advance the education of persons under the age of 21 years living in the parishes of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe by the provision of scholarships, particularly those which will promote their maturity as individuals and members of society as the Trustees shall determine'.

The report said steps were in hand to increase the knowledge of residents in regard to the Trust and to reinvigorate its standing. The value of the Trust funds stood just over £10,000. One payment had been made from funds in the last 12 months. Nick Berridge is chairman and David Collins is secretary.

Coun. Mrs Mary Elston presented the Village Hall Committee report and said the committee continue to meet about six times a year. The committee was made up of three parish councillors and five member groups. The hall continued to be well used. The committee was also happy to look at ideas for fund raising events and would welcome contact by anyone with suggestions.

The Luncheon Club report was also given by Coun. Mrs Elston. She said the group meet on a Tuesday and meals were supplied by Notts County Council's Social Services. Rushcliffe Borough Council gives a grant towards the costs. Numbers supporting the scheme were decreasing and there were only nine clients.

**Chairman's report** The report given by the chairman Coun. Phil Harris is appended to these minutes.

### **Financial Report**

The balance held by the parish council on April 1, 2010, was £14,046.97 and the council finished the year on March 31, 2011, with a balance of £10,919.56, with the decrease in funds due to work to improve the male and female toilet facilities in the village hall.

Expenditure during the year included items such as grass cutting – £1,195.00, insurance – £1,529.62, village hall power – £1,473.36, audit fees - £202.50, subscriptions – £161.95. The council spent £4,286.94 on repairs to the village hall, with the main project being the improvements to the toilets which cost £3,653.00 exclusive of VAT. Street furniture cost £740.00.

The total expenditure during 2010/2011 was £14,576.20, while the income was £11,448.79, including a precept of £7,943 and village hall rents of £2,075.00.

For the 2011/2012 financial year the council has precepted on Rushcliffe Borough Council for a sum of £8,340.00, a five per cent increase on the figure that had applied for the last two years.

### **Play Area**

The chairman said he was delighted to welcome so many people to the meeting to discuss the future of the play area and particularly welcomed the numerous young people. He said the current play equipment was now about 12 years old and was looking shoddy. There had been various suggestions of what should be provided as a replacement to it including swings, a slide, a climbing frame, a sea saw, a roundabout, bigger football goals, kick wall and for attention to be given to the actual condition of the playing area. Coun. Harris said in regard to the latter the council was already taking steps for this to be carried out.

Mr Adam Dickinson of Proludic, a play equipment firm in West Bridgford, spoke to the meeting and told of how his firm might be able to assist, in such as advice on what should be provided and funding possibilities. He said a scheme for the size of the land available could be in the region of £50,000.

One of the youngsters present, Edward Reed, said they had raised £100 towards a play fund from washing cars in the village.

Coun. Harris said the council would carry out further consultation processes on the matter and would engage those interested. Coun. Mrs Lewin would be involved in the necessary work.

**Any other business** No other business was raised.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.