

CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in the Council Chamber, South Lodge, Chorleywood, on Tuesday 12th May 2009

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Councillors:	A Barton	*R Kipps
	R Booth	*G Liley
	*Dr N O Eve	*K Morris
	Mrs B Green	*Mrs P Mytom-Hart
	*M Green	*Mrs L Smith
	* Mrs A Hayward	*Mrs S Stibbs
	*Mrs M Jarrett	*S Watkins
	*Mrs M Hampton	*Mrs J Worrall
	*P Kemp	

*Denotes member present

08/75 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Barton, Booth and Mrs Green

08/76 NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

In accordance with statute the notice convening the meeting had been duly published on the Council's notice boards and elsewhere throughout the Parish.

08/77 MINUTES

The Council
RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th May 2008, having been noted at the Full Council meeting on 24th June 2008, be adopted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

08/78 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

Cllr Mrs Mytom-Hart joined the meeting at 8.12pm

08/79 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2008/09

Each of the Committee Chairman presented their annual reports and answered questions as necessary.

Each of the Council's representatives on outside bodies presented their annual reports. PCSO Gareth Williams made a presentation from his annual report.

The Chairman thanked all committee chairman and representatives for their reports.

The Council

RESOLVED

To note the Annual Reports of the Parish Council for the Municipal year 2008/09.

08/80 OPEN FORUM

The Chairman of the Council Cllr Mrs Marilyn Hampton made the following speech

My year as Chairman has been a very interesting and fulfilling one. I have enjoyed all my official, chain-wearing engagements and also my less official engagements very much. Having paid many visits to the council office during the year I have learned just how hard the staff work and how seriously they take their jobs. The Clerk particularly, works conscientiously to ensure that the work of the Council is performed efficiently. For example, this year there have been several stressful periods during which the staff have worked overtime to make sure the job has been done to the best of their ability.

I have endeavoured, during my year as Chairman, to engage with people of Chorleywood and to show them a good face of the Parish Council. Even my 'No Plastic Bag' efforts have been greeted with enthusiasm by most people and I have been assured by many that they now always take their own bags whenever they shop. Budgens have not been as careful as other shops but I think they're afraid of losing custom if they are too strident about it!

I believe it is very important for this Council to show the residents a co-operative and friendly face at all times. Even when they are themselves being less than polite to us. We would all, I am sure, be happier with a reputation of co-operation and willingness to listen, than a reputation of a negative and adversarial attitude. Everyone has a right to be heard, whatever the circumstances and I truly believe that an invitation to chat about things can change people's opinion very quickly and would, more often than not, lead on to a peaceful settlement.

I want to thank my fellow councillors and all the staff for their support and kindness to me this year. You have all given me the confidence to feel increasingly relaxed at meetings and it's a pity that now I feel this way, I have to give it all up.!

I wish my successor a very happy and fulfilling year as Chairman.

08/81 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting having opened at 8.00pm closed at 8.57pm.

These minutes have been checked by the Chairman

Signed Dated.....

These minutes have been agreed at Committee and signed by the Chairman

Signed Dated