

WICKLEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF WICKLEWOOD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD AT WICKLEWOOD VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 2 APRIL 2012 AT 7.30 PM

Present:

Mike Gamble	(MG) Chairman
Alan Goodings	(AG)
Andrew Goodings	(AGo)
Richard Goodings	(RG)
John Hipperson	(JH)
Lorraine Long	(LL)
Simon Moore	(SM)

In attendance

Karen Bush, Village Hall Caretaker	(KB)
Michael Edney, District Councillor	(ME)
Anne Panella, new Clerk	(AP)

The Chairman welcomed members of the public and representatives of local organisations to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chairman presented the out-going Clerk, Catherine Moore, with a token of thanks from the Parish Councillors.

Action

APOLPGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1 Were received from County Councillor Steve Dorrington

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2011

- 2 **Resolved:** to approve the Minutes of the 2011 meeting as a true record of the proceedings. All in agreement and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 3 Was presented by the Chairman and will be edited to appear in the May edition of the Wicklewood News

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

- 4 Copies were provided within the papers and presented to the meeting, showing a deficit of income over expenditure of -£1,161.

OBSERVATIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

- 5 These were presented and, although the Parish Council was in a position to reduce the Precept by £1,000 for the year 2011/12, the finances remain healthy with funds being earmarked in order to carry out maintenance work on the Village Hall and Play Area.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- 6 ME reported that South Norfolk Council is able to maintain services due to the foresight of putting aside funds. Council Tax has been frozen for the 2012/13 year, no redundancies are planned although services will continue to be scrutinised to achieve efficiencies and savings, for example, recruiting to lower grades where posts become vacant.
- 7 The Localism Act seeks to engage residents in deciding the level and scope of specific services they would like to see enhanced in their communities. Eight service areas have been identified and residents are invited to vote on-line at South Norfolk Council <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9Z869GLTV1> to prioritise the activities, listed below, they would like to see enhanced within their community:
- Youth Activities
 - Vulnerable and Older People Initiatives
 - Health, Culture and Sport
 - Community Transport
 - Natural Open Space Management
 - Grass Cutting
 - Community Safety
 - Public Toilets
- 8 The consultation period ends on 15th April but voting, to date, has been quite slow and South Norfolk are seeking to encourage residents to take part. There are £150K of funds available for this initiative.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- 9 No report was available.

REPORT FROM POOR'S FIRING CHARITY

- 10 The report was presented by Mr G Neave. A meeting of the Charity was held on 6th December 2011. The balance brought forward was £31.14. Income for the year was £176.92, providing a total of £208.06.
- 11 The Trustees decided to give bequests of £45 each to four parishioners, leaving a balance of £28.06.
- 12 Since the last meeting, Basil Cook has passed away; he had been Secretary/Treasurer since 1947.

REPORT FROM OLD VILLAGE HALL TRUST

- 13 The report was presented by the Clerk of the Charity, Peter Woodrow. The Charity was set up in 1976 with the sum of £3,866.15 invested in Government Bonds at 7.75%, producing an annual income of £407.72.
- 14 The Charity has two co-opted Trustees, two Parish Council nominated Trustees in addition to the Priest in Charge of the High Oak Benefice, represented by Rev. Shirley Holt in place of Rev Reed.

- 15 The Government stock was redeemable in January 2012, increasing in value to £6576.38 as well as providing income over the past 36 years of £14,677.92 which has been distributed by ways of grants to village organisations.
- 16 The Trustees can only distribute funds according to the original trust deed drawn up by the Charity which states '*for any charitable purpose for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Wicklewood and the neighbourhood thereof for which provision is not made out of rates, taxes or other public funds*'.
- 17 With regard to re-investment the Trustees have opted for Government Stock: HM 6% Treasury Stock 2028 with dividend payments in June and December each year.
- 18 The new Trust Deed is held, on behalf of the Charity, by two Trustees: Richard Goodings and John Lowe, dated 29th February 2012 and will be redeemable in February 2028.
- 19 Basil Cook was a Trustee from inception of the Charity in 1976 until his death in 2011 and missed only one meeting in all that time.
- 20 During the past year the Charity has made grants totalling £370 to the following: Friends of Wicklewood School, Village Cinema Group, Baby & Toddler Group and High Oak Music Group.

REPORT FROM SCHOOLL GOVERNORS

- 21 No report was available.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 22 There being no other business to discuss the meeting ended at 7.45pm