

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on Wednesday 06/05/09

Apologies : None.

Present : C'llrs Barbara Summons, Tony Young, David Wildman, Evelyn Poar,
Alan Taylor (Chairman); Peter Horton (Clerk).

Election of Chairman

Members elected C'lr Alan Taylor as Chairman (Proposer C'lr David Wildman, seconder C'lr Barbara Summons).

Election of Vice-Chairman

Members voted to elect C'lr Evelyn Poar as vice-chairman (Proposer C'lr Barbara Summons, seconder C'lr David Wildman).

Chairman's report

The text of the Chairman's report was as follows:

'It is a task of all Chairmen to make a report on the previous year. I have never seen a definite guide on how to go about this or on what the report should contain. Reading the reports published by other, far more experienced Chairman than I, it seems that a popular way to proceed is to re read all the previous years minutes and then make personal, and I emphasise the word personal, observations about what has passed.

'We entered this year with the ongoing saga of the school playground. We finished with the saga continuing although I am optimistic that 2009/10 might, just might, see a satisfactory closure of this.

'It has been a busy year. We have had the boundary change review. Yet another item that is still not settled, this time because of the dalliance of Pembrokeshire Count Council. We had our numbers reduce by the same review from eight to six councillors and lost two of our stalwarts, June Crook and David Barraah as a result. The reduced number of Councillors prompted a change of bank signatories which will hopefully assist our hard working clerk. We are still waiting for the completion of the review and the formation of new physical boundaries. Come along PCC. As you all know we suggested that St. Mary's Park should be part of the Parish. My personal opinion is that we should be enlarged to take in all of the East side of the Sentry Cross – Honeyborough roundabout road as well and include the land between, not just St Mary's Park but that is only my opinion.

'As a council we were very grateful to our clerk, Peter Horton, for all the work he has done on our proposed Welsh Language Scheme. I think that it is true to say that we all felt that this was an unnecessary burden on the community charge payers of our parish given that there are so few Welsh speakers here; probably less than 10. Although this is another item that is ongoing it does look like it might be reaching a satisfactory conclusion.

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‘We have successfully achieved the formal registration of the name Bastleford Road but are still investigating the possibility of having the grassed area of Westaway Park ‘registered as a village green. This latter objective appears to be the only way that we can secure this site and prevent building upon it without having to pay huge additional maintenance costs.

‘So much for a concise review of the minutes. On a much more personal note I would like to thank both my vice chairman, Evelyn Poar and our County Councillor David Wildman for their support and encouragement throughout the year. It has sometimes seemed that without their enthusiastic input nothing would have been achieved. Reading and reporting on the varied information and consultation documents that seem to arrive nearly every month comes to mind but of course the current Local Development Plan is in the forefront. This seemed to have taken an inordinate amount of our own time. We all have our own lives to lead, but each of us that has chosen to serve as a Community Councillor has the personal responsibility to input all that is necessary, especially when something as far reaching as the LDP is concerned. It will affect every one of our parishioners for many years to come. I am looking forward to another interesting, if not challenging year.’

Alan Taylor (Chairman).

Financial report

The following report was presented to Members by the Clerk :

Balance carried forward from March 2008	:	£4161-96
Total income during year	:	£5007-10
Total expenditure during year	:	£3606-63
Balance carried forward to April 2009	:	£5562-43

Appointment of Village Hall representative

Members decided to retain C’lr Barbara Summons as the Village Hall representative, (Proposer C’lr Alan Taylor, seconder C’lr David Wildman).

Appointment of Church representative

Members voted to retain C’lr Rhys Jones as Church representative (proposer C’lr Tony Young, seconder C’lr David Wildman).

Appointment of Planning sub-committee members

Members retained C’lrs Alan Taylor and Evelyn Poar on the planning sub-committee.

The Annual General Meeting was closed at 7-15pm.