

# EASTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 25th May 2010 at 8pm in Eastham Memorial Hall**

**In attendance: - Cllr Inge (Chairman), Cllr Brookes (Vice Chairman), Cllr Horsfall, Cllr Dowling, Cllr Norman, Cllr Moseley.**

**8 members of the public, PC Sarah Cooper, County Cllr Ken Pollock, District Cllr Gill Farmer and Clerk to Eastham Parish Council.**

- 1. Apologies: -** Received from one member of the public and Cllr Adams.
- 2. Welcome: -** Cllr John Inge chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- 3. Adoption of Minutes of last Parish Meeting held on 19th May 2009: -** The minutes of the last Parish Meeting were circulated and all agreed for them to be signed by the Chairman.
- 4. Police Report by PC Sarah Cooper -** Scrap still being stolen. Most thefts from outbuildings so lock goods up securely in garden sheds/garages. Fields and footpaths being used by criminals to check places out. Everyone to be vigilant and note strangers and vehicle registrations. Report any suspicious behaviour to Police as it does help. Neighbourhood Watch Schemes (NHW) is beneficial in reducing crime as is marking property with Smartwater. PC Cooper to ask NHW coordinator to come out and give talk. Clerk is passing on information she gets from Bayton NHW if it is relevant. Rural Watch like NHW but for rural areas and farmers. PC Cooper was thanked for coming to the meeting and then left.
- 5. Chairman's Report: -** Circulated to all.
- 6. Report by County Cllr Ken Pollock –** New MP Harriet Baldwin to hold weekly surgeries around her area. Eastham Bridge seemed to take a long time to repair despite Cllr Pollock making urgent enquiries. Roads need a lot of work doing to them. Scrutiny of gritting for winter 09-10 had been reviewed and awaiting report. More grit bins to be put out, being assessed now. Farmers to buy own equipment and are on standby for clearing snow and gritting. If grit is taken from bins for private driveways it should be reported to police. Money available for elderly, youths and footways, contact Cllr Pollock for details. Cllr Pollock was thanked for coming and left the meeting.  
**District Cllr Gill Farmer –** If litter a problem let District Cllr know as it can be cleared. Any planning applications that need local support bring to District Cllr attention as she can take it to Committee. Questions were asked regarding the Tesco Store planning application for Tenbury. The matter will go to Committee and be decided at a meeting in Tenbury. No dates yet known. Cllr Farmer was thanked for coming and left the meeting.
- 7. Open session: -**  
**Roads: -** Concerns regarding potholes and lack of grit/gritbins was voiced by residents to Cllr Pollock. Parish Council had sent a second letter to Highways to alert them to continuing local concerns but no reply had yet been received.  
**BT Box/Shelter –** one resident voiced concerns regarding maintenance of this Box. Chairman explained a resident had agreed to look after the box and an agreement was being drawn up to satisfy insurers. Parish Council were not going to fund any repairs.
- 8. Welfare Trust Report: -**  
Report and accounts not available. To be obtained for next Parish Council Meeting.
- 9. Memorial Hall Report: -**  
Report read out by new Chairman Janice Lucas and accounts produced for all to see. Copies on file. Thanks were given to Margaret Scholefield who has resigned from the Committee after many years of supporting the Hall. John Inge was also thanked for his many years as Chairman; he remains on the Committee as Treasurer.
- 10. Close: -** Chairman thanked everyone for coming and meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 23rd May 2011  
Chairman Eastham Parish Council