

# Wigginton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at the Old School Community Hall, Mill Lane, Wigginton at 19.00

## **A11/001 Present**

Cllrs Pearson (Chair), Douglas, Firth, Runciman, Spence, Vaughan and Wreglesworth.

## **A11/002 In Attendance**

The Clerk, Mr D Geary, PCSO Piercy and 3 members of the Public

## **A11/003 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Jeffrey and Mr D Redfern

## **A11/004 Report of Neighbourhood Policing Team**

PCSO Piercy reported that he was working in the area with PCSO Tom Laurie. There had been some changes to the team, which was now led by Inspector Brooksbank and Sgt Skelton; the ward now has 2 PCSOs instead of 1 PC and 1 PCSO but, because of the new timetabling, there is a 7-day policy coverage.

Over the last 3 years, crime rates have been steadily falling – there has been a 23% reduction overall and there has been little anti-social behaviour on local streets. PCSO Piercy asked residents to make sure that sheds, garages and outbuildings are left secure, also to be sure to report all incidents to the police team.

## **A11/005 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Annual Parish Meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 be accepted as a true record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

## **A11/006 Chairs Report**

Cllr Pearson gave a verbal report on village activities during the past year. Many people had enjoyed the recent scarecrow festival and the village has never looked better. A great deal of teamwork goes into keeping our village in its current condition and he thanked the CoYC Street Environment team and Ian Dunn for their work. He also thanked our local policing team and the many volunteers who make Wigginton special – maintaining the play area and the dog walking facilities which are the envy of many, the Recreation Hall and the Old School Community Hall.

There had been many improvements to sports facilities and the Old School. Local residents had joined in the Carols By The Tree event on one of the coldest nights of last year.

Members of the Parish Council act as stewards for our village, keeping its facilities well maintained and managing the finances necessary to do this. The Parish Council also promotes the village to CoYC and other bodies which affect the environment, so the role of Parish Councillor is vitally important in maintaining our village now and for the future.

Cllr Pearson thanked outgoing councillors, Clark, Rowntree, Firth and Wreglesworth for the service they has given over the last four year electoral period; he also thanked Ian Cuthbertson, who was retiring as Parish Clerk after nine years' service.

### **A11/007 Reports from the Parish Council representative outside bodies**

Reports from representatives on outside bodies were received from:

1. Old School Management Committee – Mr Clark thanked the five members of the committee for their work during year. Construction of a Parish office had been completed and improvements had been made to the Old School building entrance. A bid to upgrade the boiler and improve the central heating has been submitted to the Ward Committee; accounts would be needed to accompany the application. The external appearance of the building had been improved by removing the front hedge and sorting out the drainage pipes in this area; thanks were due to Hilton Properties for their help and advice with this.

The building deeds and charity trust document would need to be retained in a safe place for future reference.

2. Parish Council Charity – the Clerk advised that the accounts were now up to date with some £3600 in the bank account; there were still problems in being able to help needy people because of the terms of the charity trust.
3. Wigginton Sports and Playing Fields Association – Cllr Douglas reported that the year had been busy and member clubs were working well. New matting and lights had been installed at the Tennis Club; the Bowling Club was doing well and the football clubs were also working well. The playing fields and grounds were in good condition.
4. Haxby & Wigginton Youth & Community Association – Cllr Spence reported that things seemed to be going well although she had not been able to attend the last meeting.
5. Joint Burial Committee – Cllr Firth reported that the Committee's finances were improving and that reserves were building up. However, the cemetery space is filling up and the Committee will need to look out for new land.
6. Churchfields Management Committee – Cllr Douglas reported that the recently installed equipment was fine. There have been some problems

with young people recently and the policing team was looking into this; access to the area cannot be restricted as it is a public open space.

**A11/008 Matters raised by members of the public**

**A Member of the public expressed the view that the Old School accounts should be brought up to date as soon as possible. Work is in hand on this matter and it will be dealt with during the coming year.**

The meeting closed at 20.05