

East Hanningfield Annual Parish Meeting 2004

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Thursday, 22nd. April, 2004 at 8.30pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Mr. Draper, Chairman of the Parish Council, in the Chair, the Clerk to the Parish Council, eleven electors, Lynne Pembroke from Chelmer Housing and Borough Councillor Ron Saunders.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from the Womens Institute, the Parent Teacher Association and the School Governors.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th. April, 2003.

PRESCHOOL REPORT

Claire Liddiard reported that the Preschool continued to be stable and friendly. The Ofsted visit had been positive with the Procedures Manual receiving particular praise. Due to the ever changing committee personnel they had appointed a treasurer company to provide continuity. The School intake had changed to being only twice a year, which caused numbers to drop suddenly at these times, while intake was gradual through the year. They were advertising for children from outside the village to maintain numbers. Fundraising took place to raise money for extras. Links were improving with the School and they were developing a more structured learning element of the day for the older children to prepare them for the school environment. The role stood at approximately 30.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Paul Garner reported as a School Governor. He was one of the Personnel and Premises team. The team was in the process of creating a development plan in preparation for offers of grant funding which always need a quick response, and therefore need to be prepared in advance.

CHELMER HOUSING

Lynne Pembroke reported that she had been appointed to the Quality of Life Team in January. Her responsibility included estate management. She arranges for the dumped cars to be removed. It had come to her notice that there were cars on the estate that had no tax but were being driven on the roads. She passed such information on to the DVLA. She also dealt with the problem of household rubbish being dumped at the estate and was recharging tenants who did not remove the rubbish themselves.

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

Jenny Mouser reported that the Hall extension had opened in June. The new committee room was receiving more bookings and was to be more widely advertised. Large boards were to be installed for meeting use. Vandalism had increased recently, with the cost of repairing windows in one week equalling the profits of the Annual Art Exhibition. Nevertheless, the Art Exhibition and the Fete, jointly run with the Church, had been successful fund raisers. The Liaison Meetings with the Parish Council were proving to be very useful, and as a result of discussions at those meetings long term plans were being drawn up. It was felt that relations with the Parish Council had improved.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that the delays in the Traffic Calming scheme were due to EDF, and once the electrics were installed the Borough Council could carry out the required construction works. The delays were a great disappointment to the Council. On the matter of the affordable housing scheme for local people, Colne Housing had received confirmation of Government funding and would be submitting a planning application by the end of the following week.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and for their contributions to the Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.08.