

East Hanningfield Annual Parish Meeting 2007

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Saturday 12 May, 2007 at 2pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Peter Applegate, Chairman of the Parish Council, in the Chair, Richard Poulter (Borough Councillor), Ash (village shop), Caroline Mallet (Chelmsford Borough Council Recycling), and PCSOs Gemma Carr and Graham Gordon.

There were approximately 14 electors including representatives from the following organisations:

David Cottey - Bethel Church
Hanna's Field Charity - Colin Warren, Mike Plumridge, Iris Evans.
Parochial Church Council - Jackie Feehan.
Jenny Ash and Fiona Ward - Hanna's Tots
Pam Pearson - Preschool,
Hilary Lyne - Primary School Governors

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Parish Council Clerk, Councillor Tony Lees, Edward Poulter (Neighbourhood Watch), Stan Gordon (EHPCC).

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 20th May, 2006.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

WASTE RECYCLING PRESENTATION BY CAROLINE MALLET, CHELMSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Caroline provided an overview of Chelmsford Borough Council's recycling strategy and aims. She explained the need to recycle, how waste for recycling was managed and where it went. Answering questions, Caroline

explained current policy for plastic bottles, food, and cardboard collection and CBC's future aims.

PARISH COUNCIL

Peter Applegate, Chairman of the Parish Council presented the Annual Report, a copy of which was provided to attendees.

He highlighted the following points:

Councillors - Peter noted the in past year that Councillors Stuart Amos, Danny Palmer, and Janice Williams had retired and thanked them for their contributions, particularly Stuart's help with planning applications. He welcomed new Councillor Jim Howe and asked that anybody interested in becoming a Parish Councillor to contact him.

Community Housing Scheme - Peter said the most important date in the Council's diary this year had been the completion of the Community Housing Scheme. Despite problems and false starts the Council were delighted with the end result, excellent affordable housing for local people. He said the Parish Council recognised that there was still a demand for local affordable housing and perhaps the Parish Council might look at this again in the future with the possibility of another such scheme.

HFC - Peter said that the Council had continued liaison meetings with the Charity, working on an Application to the Big Lottery Community Building fund for a grant to provide a new Community Suite in the Village Hall and fund raising events for the Youth Facility on the playing field, such as the Ceilidh dance. But, the dance had been more than just about fund raising, the Parish Council wanted to see people getting together as a community, and there was an idea to hold another dance this year.

Road safety and speeding - Peter said that there had been a lot of comment to the Parish Council about speeding through the village and Councillor Tony Lees had taken up the Speed Watch volunteer monitoring scheme. A number of volunteers had been recruited for training.

Village Design Plan - Councillor Mike Harris explained that it was vitally important for the Village to have a design plan as increasingly Borough planning decisions were implemented with reference to village design plans

and by not having one the village was at risk of having planning decisions forced upon it which could be disastrous for the character of the village. He emphasised that this was not a Parish Council thing but must be lead by local people although the Parish Council could facilitate. He asked that people interested in this should contact him.

Newsletter – Peter thanked Daphne Sherry for her long stint as the editor for the Village Newsletter. He was pleased to confirm Brenda Cottey had agreed to take over from Daphne and thanked Brenda for volunteering. Lastly Peter thanked welcomed Ash from the Village Shop for coming the meeting and welcomed him to the village.

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

Colin Warren, Chairman of the Charity advised that his report for the Charity's AGM in April was in the Spring Village Newsletter, which would be on the Village web site.

He was pleased with what had been achieved working in cooperation with the Parish Council on completing the Youth Facilities on the playing field and the Big Lottery grant application for a Community Suite in the Village Hall.

Colin said the Charity would like to see more help on the Management Committee from local people.

Once again the Charity were involved in two forthcoming fund raising events, the Art Exhibition on Saturday 14th July, with a Wine & Cheese preview evening on the Friday evening, and the Village Fete, on Saturday 15 September, in cooperation with All Saints Church PCC.

Lastly Colin thanked Iris Evans for her long stint as Village Hall Caretaker and Bookings Secretary.

SCHOOL

Hilary Lyne, Chairman of School Governors, said that that she was pleased to report that the new school building was close to completion and on budget. They expected to begin use of the new facilities immediately after half term, with the temporary classroom being removed after 35 years use.

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The new building would make a huge difference to the School, with better facilities for both children and staff. The new facilities allow for the forecast number of pupils which continues to be around 30-35 per class.

She said the School had also been able to carry out very necessary repairs to the swimming pool foundations this year but now needed to repair its roof.

She said the School were looking forward again to running their Fete on evening of Friday 6th July.

PRE-SCHOOL

Pam Pearson, Chairman of Pre-school Committee said she was pleased to report they had recruited a replacement deputy supervisor and that they had a successful Ofsted inspection, with a very good report. Numbers varied but they had welcomed 5 new children since Easter. Preschool fund raising continued with a Fashion Show planned in the Autumn. Pam thanked the Parish Council for the financial help given in support of Pre-school.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Jackie Feehan was pleased to report that the Church's financial situation was much improved since the appeal for help at the last Annual Parish Meeting last year and that the level of planned giving and donations had risen. Their fund raising continues with the Open Garden at the Limes on May 22nd, Parish Walk on the 8th June and Music For a Summer's Evening at the Church on Saturday 16th June.

BETHEL CHURCH

David Cottey said that the new Church had now been open nearly a year and that they were very pleased with the building. All were warmly welcome to come and look at the facilities on the last Tuesday morning of each month when they have a coffee morning.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mike Plumridge said that Edward Poulter, Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch, was unable to attend the meeting. Mike said Edward would be leaving the village and would handover the Neighbourhood Watch to Geoff

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Dickman. The village was grateful to Edward for sustaining the organisation over a long period. All wished Edward the best for his future move.

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Mike Harris and Richard Poulter both said they were pleased to have been re-elected for another 4 years. They share the responsibility for their patch, both bringing different skills and knowledge to the task. They emphasised their job was to listen to what electors wanted rather than dictate and people could contact them with issues or concerns.

QUESTIONS – There were no questions

The Chairman thanked those present for their contributions

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 4.15 pm.