

Minutes of the East Hanningfield Annual Assembly 2011

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 11th. May, 2011 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Les Draper in the Chair, Steve Crisp Deputy Head Teacher, Village Agent John Peart and 12 electors of the parish.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Richard Poulter, Head Teacher Linda Findlay, Parish Council Vice Chairman Peter Applegate, Hanna's Field Charity Treasurer Mike Plumridge and Hanna's Field Charity Trustee Iris Evans.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 19th. May, 2010.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising.

PARISH COUNCIL

Les Draper Chairman of the Parish Council presented the Annual Report, copies of which were provided for those present. Amongst others he touched on the following subjects:

- He hoped that the successful conclusion of the Parish Plan would be followed by a Village Design Statement project.
- PC had considered and responded to several consultations including 15 planning applications.
- PC funding had provided support to Preschool, churchyard maintenance and Hanna's Field Charity, with whom PC was maintaining an excellent working relationship.

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- There had been a successful village spring clean, which for the first time was to be followed by an Autumn Clean on 22nd. October.
- The holiday Sports and Play Days had been extremely well attended during the Easter holiday and more sessions would be provided in the Summer break.
- John Allenby, Parish Public Transport Representative was thanked for his activity on this subject.
- Highway matters remained a serious cause for concern and PC continued to press the Highway Authority for improvements.
- PC's finances were sound and the precept had been reduced slightly on the previous year's.

He thanked Councillors and Clerk for their contributions to the work of the Council and encouraged members of the public to come to the meetings.

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY

Colin Warren Chairman of Hanna's Field Charity presented his Annual Report. The Charity had renewed all the flooring on the ground floor and had installed Wifi.

He had hoped to have attracted some new committee members as all the present members had been there a long time and new people with new ideas were needed. A long time member, Sylvia Hopkins, had retired from the Committee but would continue to be involved in fund raising. Sharon Crowe had taken over from the Mills as hall cleaner and booking secretary and was now settled in to the job.

The major fund raising events of the Art Exhibition and the Village Fete would take place again in 2011. Quarterly Saturday morning book sales were also to continue.

Co-operation between the Parish Council and the Charity was enhanced by regular Liaison meetings, and had brought about some improvements and suggestions.

He concluded by asking local people who benefit from them to get involved in the running of the hall and playing fields.

PRESCHOOL

The Preschool Treasurer Paula Taylor thanked the Parish Council for their support and explained that due to the primary school taking the year's intake in September, Preschool would be losing half of their children and the resulting loss of income would mean that they would be unable to cover their costs. They would therefore be asking for additional assistance to tide them over. She would be providing PC with her costing forecasts to show how this had been calculated.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Councillor Mike Harris said that he had undertaken to get involved with the Charity with a view to getting more people involved. In particular the Community Suite Project needed new people to carry it forward.

He would shortly become Deputy Mayor and would be dealing the Mayor's charities.

He encouraged villagers to get involved in a Village Design Statement so that local views could give guidance to the planners at the Borough Council.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr. Crisp reported that the school had recently been in communication with the Charity about the dead branches overhanging the school fence, and that this matter had been satisfactorily resolved.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was to be a dance on 1st. October to celebrate the 25th. Anniversary of the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.03.