

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday May 17, 2006 in Costock Village Hall.

Present four members of the parish council and one parishioner.

The parish council chairman Coun. Mrs Kath Owen took the chair and welcomed those present.

Apologies: Coun. Mrs Penny Armstrong.

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 20th April 2005 were presented and signed by the chairman as being correct.

Matters arising:

The question of a traffic scheme to slow vehicle movements on the A60 road was now being instigated and refuges would be established in the centre of the road.

Chairman's Report:

Coun. Mrs Owen said the previous 12 months had been fairly quiet. She paid tribute to the work of Mrs Judith Arris who had retired as parish clerk and whose work had been greatly appreciated by the council and the village as a whole.

She welcomed Mike Elliott as the new clerk.

The chairman spoke of the continuing shortage of members on the council, and said they currently had two vacancies. She appealed for anyone interested in the village to come forward and offer their name for co-option. She said the council should have seven members and it was important that the numbers were kept up to that level.

The chairman spoke of the ongoing success of the village hall and said that work was continuing to improve its facilities. She said the hall committee were to be thanked for their interest in the building.

Coun. Mrs Owen offered thanks to members of the parish council for their work during the previous 12 months and said the village owed them a debt of gratitude for what they did.

Financial Report:

The clerk presented a financial report which showed that the council had completed the 2005/6 financial year with a balance in hand of £1,996, having started the year with £10,271. During the year there had been heavy expenditure on the village hall, with £18,627 being spent on refurbishment work. Grants received towards those costs amounted to £6500.

School Governor's Report

The chairman reported that the council no longer had a representative through the governors at the school following a changed system in relation to their appointment system and constitution. She was aware a new infant teacher had been welcomed to the staff in the last year and an Open Evening held at school had been very successful.

Questions to the Chair

There were no questions raised.