



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, CLIFFORD
Held in the Village Hall, Clifford on Wednesday 21st May 2008 at 7:30pm.

Cllr P Dyson (Chairman, Clifford Parish Council) in the Chair

Electors of the parish present:

Glennis Allan, James Carroll, Marie Carroll, Richard Evans, Ms V Fahy, Nicholas Fawcett, Owen Milligan, David Mills, Susan Park, Andrew Shaw, Allison Wilkinson, Pauline Winterburn, Angela Wrigglesworth
(names in italics denote members of Clifford Parish Council)

Apologies for absence: None

In attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs T Poulter, Outgoing Clerk, Mr A Pennington, PCSOs Nottingham & Westwood

The Chairman declared the meeting open and welcomed electors to the meeting.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2007, copies of which were distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

No matters were raised.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman introduced the report printed in the Clifford Directory and delivered to all households in the parish. Mr Carroll commented on the excellent report and wished to support the statement regarding the retirement of the Outgoing Clerk, Mr A Pennington. He wished to express his thanks for all the work that Mr Pennington had undertaken over the years on behalf of the Parish Council. He further wished to thank the Chairman, Mr Dyson, for his work on the council despite personal issues & work commitments. He concluded, on behalf of the parish, by thanking the Parish Council in general for all their hard work on behalf of the village. There was general agreement to his comments.

The report was RECEIVED.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement prepared by the Outgoing Clerk as Responsible Finance Officer had been printed within the Annual Report and Directory booklet circulated to all households. The Outgoing Clerk took the opportunity to explain some of the differences between this year's & the previous year's accounts. He made particular reference to the loan for the repair of the Village Hall roof & the costs of the election held last May. He also noted that, should the parish have a by-election in future, the costs are likely to be higher but the Parish Council have no control over these costs.

The Chairman commented that, despite the cost of an election, it is important that people continue to step forward for positions on the council

The financial statement was RECEIVED.

MATTERS RAISED BY ELECTORS

Ms V Fahy commented that the Community Garden is well appreciated & the playground made use of but that the gazebo had been subject to repeated acts of vandalism & questioned whether anyone had been apprehended. The PCSO stated that the vandalism had been investigated but, unfortunately, they had been unable to prosecute anyone as no-one had been seen committing the acts. Mrs Allan, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee which owns & maintains the garden, stated that the police were always called to such incidents & were quick to respond. She stated that they were not intending to replace the panels which had already been removed. Mr A Pennington suggested that they might look at replacing the gazebo with a sturdier structure as, although such structures were expensive, there may be some grants available.

The Chairman took the opportunity to introduce the new Parish Clerk, Mrs T Poulter, to the electorate & wished her well in her new post.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.

Signed.....Date.....