



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, CLIFFORD
Held in the Village Hall, Clifford on Wednesday 20th May 2009 at 7:45pm.

Cllr N Fawcett (Chairman, Clifford Parish Council) in the Chair

Electors of the parish present:

Dave Anstey, *Colin Aspinall*, James Carroll, Marie Carroll, Don Deebank, *Richard Evans*, Ms V M Fahy, John Fox, Daniel Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Di Greenwood, *Owen Milligan*, *Susan Park*, Alan Pennington, Liz Pennington, *Andrew Shaw*, K F Smith, Allison Wilkinson, *Pauline Winterburn*, *Angela Wrigglesworth*

Apologies for absence: Ward Cllr Procter, *Glennis Allan*
(names in italics denote members of Clifford Parish Council)

In attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs T Poulter, Clifford Correspondent to the Wetherby News, Will Gausden

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

MINUTES

It was proposed by Jim Carroll and seconded by Richard Evans that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2008, copies of which were distributed, be approved. This was agreed unanimously.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2008 be 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.

Ms Fahy commented on the excellent, comprehensive report.

Mr Pennington commented that he was extremely impressed with the improvements to the Parish website which should be a valuable resource. It was further commented that it was gratifying that the work to upgrade it had been undertaken by a local resident in conjunction with the Parish Council.

He commented that the problems the village had undergone with the street lights was an example of Leeds City Council not engaging with the Parish Council to make use of local knowledge. On the positive side the new lighting is of a better standard and most of the problems had been resolved by the contractors.

The report was RECEIVED.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement prepared by the Clerk as Responsible Finance Officer had been printed within the Annual Report and Directory booklet circulated to all households.

The financial statement was RECEIVED.

MATTERS RAISED BY ELECTORS

Parking

Parking in the village continues to be an issue, particularly at the junction with the High Street and Albion Street. There was a general consensus that residents would like the Parish Council to ask the police to put more effort into parking issues. Residents were concerned on the health & safety implications of emergency vehicles being unable to obtain access and commented on a recent incident when the High Street had been blocked by traffic, delaying school buses and residents. It was mentioned that Leeds City Council can enforce penalties for parking and that the police can only take action if traffic is causing an obstruction. It was commented that a number of residents who park on the road have off-road spaces in which to park and there is a need for educating residents in safe & considerate parking.

Community Policing

It was commented that Community Officers are often spotted around the village in daytime but are seen infrequently in the evenings. Residents made comments about anti-social behaviour that they had witnessed in the evening and felt that a police presence might reduce this. The Chairman reminded residents that they should report all incidents they observe, however small, so that police can target the right areas at the right time. The number to ring is 0845 606006 (for non-emergencies) and this is listed in the on the inside front page of the Clifford Directory.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.04p.m.

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