

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on
19th May 2008 in the Village Hall at 7.50 p.m.**

Apologies: Mr. P. Woodhouse, Mrs B. Boddington, (CCC), Mr. R. West (HDC).

Present: Mr E. G. Ascroft (Chairman), Mr J. Peal (Vice Chairman), Mrs J. Murray, Mr P. Jackson, Mr. L Johnson, Mr J. Murray,

Chairman&

Vice-Chairman: The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman. It was proposed by Mr J. Murray and seconded by Mr P. Jackson that Mr Ascroft be re-elected. There were no other nominations. Mr Ascroft's re-election was carried unanimously. Mr Ascroft took the chair and asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. It was proposed by Mrs J. Murray and seconded by Mr L. Johnson that Mr Peal be re-elected. There were no other nominations. Mr Peal's re-election was carried unanimously.

Minutes: The minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting held on 21st May 2007 were read, agreed as an accurate record and accordingly signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

Retirement of Clerk:

The Chairman noted that Clerk had duly retired on 30th November 2007 after 50 years service which had been marked by a very well attended function at the Village Hall organised by the Social Club.

Clerk's Salary

The Clerk's salary was confirmed at the existing level of £400 p.a. but it was noted by the Council that this should be subject to periodic review in line with the pay scales published by the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Accounts to pay

The following accounts were presented for payment.

Yelling Village Hall	£ 15.00	Hire 18 th & 21 st February 2008
CPALC	£ 85.28	Affiliation fee 2008/09
Mr J. Peal	£200.00	Reimbursement website development costs

Donations:

The Council discussed the following S 137 donations;

Six villages newsletter	£50.00
Yelling PCC	£60.00 (floodlighting)
Village Hall committee	£50.00
Macmillan Cancer Support	£50.00
Victims Support	£25.00
Huntingdon CAB	£25.00

It was proposed by Mr P. Jackson, seconded by Mr L. Johnson and carried by majority with one abstention that all of the above donations be made.

Best Kept Garden Cup

Mr Peal advised that he had contacted Mr Robin Windsor to judge the competition in late June or early July and would be sending a notice to all parishioners advising them of the competition. The Clerk advised that he understood that there was now very limited space on the cup to engrave the winner's name and options needed to be considered. The Council felt that rather than replacing the cup which would lose the history of the competition, options to alter the base ought to be possible and the Clerk was requested to explore the possibilities.

NATS Consultation

The Council noted that a public consultation was underway by NATS concerning proposals to alter the position of the aircraft holding 'stack' arrangements for Luton's airport easterly and westerly arrivals. The proposals would centre the stack immediately over the village at a height of approximately 7,000 feet. The Council agreed unanimously that an objection should be lodged to the proposals on the principal grounds of concern over

- Noise pollution
- Air quality and atmospheric pollution
- Intrusion into the peaceful tranquillity of the village and surrounding area.

The Clerk was asked to prepare an appropriate response.

Cotton Farm Wind Farm

The Clerk summarised the current status of the planning situation for the proposed wind farm. nPower had submitted the preliminary scoping report to Huntingdonshire District Council for confirmation that all relevant matters had been covered. The report was still with HDC and had been for some time. It was generally thought that a formal planning application was unlikely now prior to September 2008 at the earliest.

Yelling Parish Council.com

Mr Peal confirmed that the website was now operational and the initial reception had been favourable but he noted that promoting the site whenever possible would be important to generate and maintain the maximum interest and value.

Correspondence

None.

Any other business

Mr Peal reminded the Council that the two village notice boards were in a poor condition and would need repair or replacement before too long. Mr Harrington had been approached to quote for refurbishing them but he was not interested them but Mr Peal thought that Mr Brearey might be prepared to look at them.

Mr Peal advised that the village litter pick had taken place on 29th March and been well supported. A huge amount of rubbish had been collected and photo's had been published on the website. Complications under Health & Safety legislation meant that it was not feasible for the Council to be directly involved in organising the event but Mr Peal was thanked for his personal efforts and the Council hoped that it might become an annual event.

Mr Johnson reported that there had been another serious accident recently at the Toseland crossroads and suggested that the Council might consider requesting Huntingdonshire District Council's suggestions that could increase safety. Mr Jackson also advised that there had been an accident on the bend at the Chapel. It was agreed that the general subject of speeding and speed reduction measures should be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.52 p.m.