

# KILMINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held in Kilmington Village Hall

at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd April 2010

**1. PRESENT** : Cllr. M. Collier, (Chairman), the Clerk, Dist. Cllr. Chubb and over 50 members of the public.

**2. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN** : the Chairman welcomed the guest speaker and parishioners to the meeting. He said that he would take the Police Report first to enable P.C.S.O. Jones to return to her other responsibilities as soon as possible.

**3. POLICE REPORT** : P.C.S.O. Jones gave a review of the past year. Shed breaks had been a problem in the East Devon Area generally and residents in Kilmington had experienced such unwelcome visits. Overall, however, Devon is one of the safest areas of the country in which to live.

**4. TALK BY GUEST SPEAKER**: Mr. Planel began by explaining the background to the production of the Victorian tithe maps. He drew parallels with the tithe maps and the Domesday Book as providing snapshots of the local economy and landscape at particular points in time. He drew attention to many features on the 1840 tithe map which were still identifiable in the village landscape and streetscene today, such as the church and Kilmington Farm (now Koppers) and Old Ruggs. By reference to some postwar aerial photography, residents were able to see what the village looked like some 100 years later and go on to consider how the village had increased in size in the post war period with the developments at Meadow Bank and Eastleigh Close, among others.

Mr. Planel then responded to several questions from the floor. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks, to which the audience responded warmly.

Refreshments were served at this point.

**5. APOLOGIES** : apologies had been received from Cty Cllr. Moulding, who had a conflicting engagement.

**6. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24h APRIL 2009** : the minutes of the previous year's Annual Parish Meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting. When the Chairman proposed that they be adopted, a member of the public stated that they were not an accurate record. He pointed out that there should be no mention of Kilmington Parish Council in the heading, that Dr. Underwood had been had been referred to, incorrectly as Dr. Underhill and that various comments which he had made regarding the organisation of the Annual Parish Meeting had not been recorded accurately

The Chairman then asked again whether it was the wish of the meeting that the minutes be adopted and the motion was carried with two votes against.

**7. MATTERS ARISING** : none.

**8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** : The Chairman began by referring to works associated with the implementation of the 50 m.p.h. speed limit. The limit itself was now in place and a replacement top bus shelter was awaited at its new position. To reinforce the 50 m.p.h. speed limit it was intended that flashing warning signs be installed.

Cllr. Collier then spoke of the work of the Parish Plan Implementation Committee which had produced a first class report. Confirmation of an extended 20 mp.h. limit for Whitford Road was awaited. The Chairman thanked Mr. O'Flaherty for his work on this matter and then commended the Village Design Statement group for their work to produce a Design Statement, which will be complementary to that of the Parish Plan. He thanked those responsible for the exhibition. He concluded his remarks on planning-related matters by stating that the majority of applications considered by the Parish Council were for extensions and by referring to the emerging Local Development Framework being prepared

by the District Council in consultation with local groups and individuals. This would set out what would happen over the next 15 or so years.

The Chairman then referred to the continuing saga of the Travellers in Shute Woods. He said that one encampment had been disbanded but a new group had arrived. The authorities had been informed and various agencies approached to get all groups removed.

Cllr. Collier regretted that although a new housing association had been found, the economic situation was such that no funding was available. He said that the situation may or may not change after the election.

He paid tribute to Mrs. Vickers for her work on the village website, which was now receiving 803 "visits" per month. It is hoped to increase the number of photographs on display, as this is one of the most popular items.

The Chairman concluded by expressing his thanks for the support of his fellow Councillors, the Clerk, the County and District Councillors and various individuals in the village who undertook special roles to assist the Parish Council.

**9. PLAYING FIELD REPORT** : Mr.. Bolton said that he had nothing of special significance to report. He said that all the work undertaken was carried out by volunteers. He said that the pavilion was continuing to be a popular venue, with regular bookings, which was pleasing

**10. SCHOOL REPORT** : Mrs. Huscroft told the audience that there were 82 pupils on the current roll, fifty percent of whom lived in the village. She said that the level of pupil numbers was fairly stable at present. Keystage 2 results had been good. Pupils had received awards for work in various curriculum areas, including art. Other successful areas had been Healthy School, Travel to School Plan and modern foreign language work. There had been a themed Victorian Day. Residential trips had been made to locations in Dorset and Devon. There were no major building projects under way but the murals in the quiet area were being revamped. Pupils were involved in various community activities such as the pantomime and the Kilmington Show and had raised around £1000 which had been donated to charities.

**11. THE COMMON** : the Clerk reported that the cost of cutting grass and doing some ditching work on The Common in the past year had been £120, a cost which is funded by the Parish Council.

**12. WEBSITE** : this matter had been included within the Chairman's report.

**13. AFFORDABLE HOUSING** : as mentioned in the Chairman's report, it had not been possible to progress this matter.

**14. D.A.L.C. MATTERS** : Cllr. Hurford said that 23 different parishes were represented on the County Committee, which meets four times a year. At local level the Secretary offers training sessions and arranges guest speakers on relevant topics, such as Boundary Changes and moves to give more power at local councils at grass roots levels.

**15. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**: Cllr. Moulding had provided a written report in which he set out those areas in which he had responsibility at County level. These included various finance-related committees and those relating to sport. He went on to say that he had supported the local school in its wish to buy the adjacent property and regretted that this had not proved possible.

He said that the complex issues relating to the Travellers encampment on Roman Road would make it difficult to resolve but hoped that an alternative authorised site might emerge to which they could be relocated.

Referring to highway matters, Cllr. Moulding said that he was aware of flooding, snow and pothole problems which were of concern to local residents. He welcomed the additional funding for pothole repairs which was being made available by the Government. On a less controversial matter, he was pleased to have been able to help achieve a 20 m.p.h. limit in Whitford Road where the Primary School is located.

