

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Litcham held on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008**, in The Jubilee Hall at 7.30 p.m.

**Present** Councillor M Oldfield (Chair)  
Councillor C Lawrence  
Councillor C Mitchell

District Councillor M Kiddle Morris

6 members of the public

**1. Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council.**

Councillor Oldfield welcomed Parish Councillors, representatives of village organisations and members of the public to the meeting.

**2. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors D Holland, C Holland, R Payne and T Carter. Apologies had also been received from Nancy Krois, John Jones and Judith Bentley.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2007 having been circulated were approved and signed.

**4. Reports from Village Organisations.**

Reports from the following organisations were received and are attached to the minutes.

- 4.1 Homewatch** presented by John Mitchell who reported that very little crime had been reported and there is still one co-ordinator short. It was agreed to place the list of coordinators in the C & V magazine with a request for a coordinator for Tittleshall Road.
- 4.2 Litcham and District Ladies Group** presented by Judith Rork and attached.
- 4.3 Litcham Primary School** presented by Christine Watts and attached.
- 4.4 Friends of Litcham Primary School** submitted by Sharon Chandler and presented by Christine Watts and attached.
- 4.5 Litcham Common Conservation Group** presented by Tim Angell and attached.
- 4.6 Litcham Common Management Committee** presented by Tim Angell and attached.
- 4.7 Litcham Bellringers** presented by Tim Angell and attached.
- 4.8 Litcham High School** presented by Jeremy Nicholls and attached.
- 4.9 Litcham Methodist Church** presented by Stephen Lynn and attached.
- 4.10 Litcham Historical Society** presented by John Mitchell who stated that a reprint of Doctor Puddy's book on Litcham had been reprinted and there are 600 for sale at £9.99 each.
- 4.11 Litcham Youth Project** submitted by Judith Bentley and attached.
- 4.12 Litcham Play 2000** submitted by Judith Bentley and attached.
- 4.13 Litcham Youth Club** presented by Richard bailey and attached.
- 4.14 Church of All Saints Litcham** submitted by Richard Vogt and attached.
- 4.15 LALGA** submitted by Nancy Krois and attached.
- 4.16 Litcham Red Cross** submitted by Hermione Birkbeck and attached.

**5. Annual report of the Parish Council.**

The Chairman Councillor M Old field presented the report which is attached. Much of the Parish Council's time has been spent on keeping on top of ongoing road problems including the extension of speed limits on the Dereham and Mileham Roads.

Consideration of planning applications has as usual been prevalent during the year and as always Breckland Council do not always agree with the Parish Council. The Minerals and Waste consultation from Norfolk County Council came before the Council and the Parish Council objected to both sites proposed for inclusion. No agreement had been reached with the PCC regarding pedestrian access to the churchyard extension. Attempts are being made to register the Green as Open Space and questionnaires are available for supporting evidence.

**6. Parish Council Accounts.**

The Clerk presented the draft accounts to the meeting which showed that the Parish Council had spent £7600 in the year and received £9000. The bank balance at the end of the year showed a n increase in reserves of £1500 and it had been agreed to reduce the precept from £7875 to £6000 and to utilise some of the reserves.

**7. Matters arising at the Meeting.**

Members of the public raised concerns over housing in the village, the Minerals and Waste consultation, the seat on the green and the access to the graveyard. All these matters were discussed and explanations given by the Chairman who reiterated the points raised in his report.

**8. Date of the next Annual Parish Meeting.**

This was agreed as 20 April 2009.

The meeting closed at 2047 hours.