

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Litcham held on **Monday 20th April 2009**, in The Jubilee Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present Councillor M Oldfield (Chair)
Councillor T carter
Councillor C Lawrence
Councillor C Mitchell

District Councillor M Kiddle Morris

21 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 Judith Bentley, Hermione Birkbeck and Jeremy Nicholls.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2008 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 Relph and attached.

4.2 Litcham and District Ladies Group presented by Joyce Green 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 Bellingers 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 it is still going and the museum is open each weekend. The society is short of staff and any volunteers would be welcome the younger the better. The Society is providing exhibits for the Centenary Celebration of the Methodist Chapel.

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 John Jones and attached.

4.16 Litcham Red Cross submitted by Hermione Birkbeck and attached.

4.17 Litcham Tittleshall and District Royal British Legion submitted by John Jones and attached

4.18 Litcham Jubilee hall Management committee submitted by Mark Kiddle Morris and attached.

4.19 Litcham Relief in Need Charity report from the co-opted trustees submitted by Doug Rork 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 Local Development Framework was discussed at several meetings and visits have been made to Parish Council meetings by representatives of Breckland Council and Savills the agents for Lexham estates.

There had been instances of Anti Social behaviour in the village and visits had been made by the PCSO although at present there is not one for Litcham.

6. Parish Council Accounts.

The Clerk presented the draft accounts to the meeting which showed that the Parish Council had spent £7875 in the year and received £6836. The bank balance at the end of the year showed a decrease in reserves of £1039 and it had been agreed to maintain the precept from at £6000 and to utilise more of the reserves.

7. Matters arising at the Meeting.

Members of the public raised concerns over the management of the Charity and the co-opted trustees gave reasons for the problems and the Chairman of the Parish Council stated that at present there is nothing in the trust deed to allow the Parish Council to change the nominated trustees. It was hoped that a solution could be found between the nominated trustees and the co-opted trustees in the near future. The meeting was informed that the Parish Council is monitoring the situation very closely as it does not wish the dispute to be protracted longer than necessary.

8. Date of the next Annual Parish Meeting.

This was agreed as 19 April 2010

The meeting closed at 2048 hours.