

GREAT ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2008 in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm

Present at the meeting.

Councillors: Mr K Binley (in the Chair), Mr P Eason, Mr C Fry, Mrs C May and Mr H Mayes.

Also in attendance: Mr V Arnold, Mr R Bass, Mrs M Brown (Addingtons Youth Club), Mr T Butler, (Save the Playing Field Group), Mrs A Cator, Mr R Cator, Mrs S Cole, PC N Cowley (EN Central Safer Community Team), PCSO G Cross (EN Central Safer Community Team), Mrs E Harlow, Ms C Hartley (ENC Housing Strategy Manager), Mrs H Hoier (Clerk/Parish Plan Workgroup), Mrs M Jeffery, Mr A Kitchener, Mrs A Kitchener, Cllr A Langley (NCC Irthlingborough Division), Mrs J Mayes (Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator/Parish Plan Workgroup/School Governor), Mr R Mugglestone (Midlands Rural Housing Project Delivery Manager), Mr A Patrick, Mrs D Patrick, Sgt A Rae (EN Central Safer Community Team), Mrs J Smith (NVCA Volunteer/Parish Plan Workgroup), Mr R Smith and Mrs J Thornton (Addingtons Amblers).

08/1 Introduction and welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited members of the public to participate by asking questions or raising issues whenever they felt that this was appropriate.

08/2 Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Palmer (GAPC), Cllr P Perkins OBE (GAPC) and Cllr D Hughes (ENC Woodford Ward).

08/3 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st May 2007.

These minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

08/4 Matters arising from the previous meeting.

There were no specific matters arising from the previous meeting.

08/5 Chairman's Report for 2007/08.

The report was read on behalf of Cllr N Palmer and the activities of GAPC were summarized. The proposal to build a new school on the Addingtons Playing Field, the remedial work to the wall of All Saints Church and the Parish Plan were highlighted. The Chairman concluded by thanking his fellow Councillors, the Clerk; representatives of Addingtons organizations, the County, the District and the Police for their support and contributions throughout 2007/08.

08/6 Reports from Local Authority representatives.

a) Cllr A Langley (NCC Irthlingborough Division).

Cllr A Langley began by summarizing his roles and responsibilities both at County Hall and within the Irthlingborough Division (his special interest in highway maintenance along with his increased involvement with financial management were highlighted) and pledged his continued support of the community he serves. Cllr Langley offered to allocate £1,000 from the Empowering Councillors and Communities Scheme towards the remedial work to the wall of All Saints Church as he concluded his report before thanking the Councillors and the Clerk of GAPC for their support throughout 2007/08. The Chairman thanked Cllr Langley for his dedication to the Irthlingborough Division and hoped that he would make a full recovery from his recent illness.

b) Cllr D Hughes (ENC Woodford Ward).

The report was read on behalf of Cllr D Hughes and the achievements which were of local interest within East Northamptonshire were summarized. Cllr Hughes highlighted the fact that grants to rural communities/organizations continue to be available before thanking the Councillors and the Clerk of GAPC for their support throughout 2007/08.

08/7 Reports of Addingtons organizations.

a) Addingtons Amblers.

The report was read on behalf of Mrs J Thornton.

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- b) **Addingtons Horticultural Society.**
The report was read on behalf of Mrs J Tattersall.
- c) **Addingtons Ladies Group.**
The report was read on behalf of Mrs M Hulatt.
- d) **Addingtons Parent and Toddler Group.**
The report was read on behalf of Mrs J Blackburn.
- e) **Addingtons Playing Field Association.**
The report was read on behalf of Mr M Redward.
- f) **Addingtons Artisans and Stitchers.**
The report was read on behalf of Mrs J Woodward.
- g) **Addingtons Youth Club.**
The report was read on behalf of Mrs M Brown.
- h) **Great Addington CE (VA) Primary School Governors.**
The report was read on behalf of Mrs J Mayes.
- i) **Save the Playing Field Group.**
The report was read on behalf of Mr T Butler.

08/8 Village issues.

- a) **Road safety.**
Inconsiderate parking, exceeding the speed limit (particularly in Lower Street) and the poor condition of the zigzag road markings were highlighted as priorities and assurance was given that all of these issues will be dealt with as soon as possible (minute 07/8 refers).
- b) **Affordable housing.**
Ms C Hartley (ENC Housing Strategy Manager) described the potential benefits of providing affordable homes in rural areas for people with local connections and asked if the Housing Needs Survey of Great Addington on behalf of Shire Homes would be supported. There was no objection to Ms Hartley's request.
- c) **Remedial work to the wall of All Saints Church.**
Cllr N Palmer had provided the latest details of the remedial work in his report (minute 08/5 refers).
- d) **Highway maintenance.**
Effective maintenance of the roads and footways in Great Addington was again highlighted as a priority and assurance was given that this issue will be dealt with as soon as possible (minutes 07/8 and 08/6 refer).
- e) **Parish Plan 2008.**
Cllr N Palmer had provided a brief summary on behalf of the Parish Plan Workgroup along with his report (minutes 07/8 and 08/5 refer).
- f) **Parish Council website.**
Cllr N Palmer had provided details of the new website in his report (minute 08/5 refers).
- g) **Hare and Hounds Village Shop.**
The success of the Village Shop was welcomed and a request to dispose of litter responsibly was noted (minute 07/08 refers).
- h) **Other suggestions for village improvements.**
Mr R Smith asked if the appearance of the payphone on Main Street could be improved and suggested that it could be listed.
- i) **Open forum.**
Mr T Butler asked for it to be minuted that the Chairman had refused to answer his question regarding (in his opinion) GAPC's "mishandling" of the proposal to build a new school on the Addingtons Playing Field.

08/9 Conclusion.

The Chairman thanked all those who contributed to the meeting (the original reports will be retained with the minutes).

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

These minutes are draft and subject to approval at the APM to be held on Monday 18th May 2009.