

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly
held on Thursday 27 May 2010
in Elswick and District Village Hall commencing at 7.45pm

PRESENT: Cllrs J Rowe (Chair), Emmington, Molloy, Hayhurst, James, Chedd and Taylor.

In attendance: Mrs K Coleman (Clerk) and 9 Members of the Public.

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS:

Members of the Public were welcomed to the meeting.

2. MINUTES - Of the meeting held on 28.05.09 were read, approved and signed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman went through all the points raised at the last Parish Assembly. It was reported that County Council had again been contacted regarding the speed limit on Lodge lane. County Council advised that an independent consultant had carried out a review and it was recommended that the national speed limit be retained. The review took into consideration factors such as the accident record in the last five years, levels of development and nature of the environment.

It was suggested that County Council be contacted again to carry out a speed assessment and to consider reducing the speed limit on part of the Lane. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact County Council.

High Street Parking – this issue had again been raised with County Council and they had advised that they did not consider there was a requirement for parking restrictions on the High Street.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Councillor Rowe reported that once again Elswick had done well in the NW in Bloom competition. Cllr Rowe thanked Andrew and Geoff and other volunteers for their time and effort.

He went on to report that the Council had again reduced the precept figure from £21,500 to £19,250 a reduction of over 10%.

The Parish Council website was running well and had received comments from members of the public using the site. Cllr Rowe thanked Cllr Taylor for maintaining/updating the site.

The Youth Club in the Village had been started early in 2009 and appeared to be doing well with great support from several adults. Cllr Rowe complimented the people running the club on their success.

During 2009 the Parish Council had been approached by a group of local children who were requesting the support of the Parish Council to obtain grants to build a skateboard park in Elswick. The Parish Council agreed to support this scheme and confirmed that the group were now hoping to apply for funding at the end of July 2010.

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Consultation (SHLAA) - The Chairman reported that Elswick Parish Council were one of the only Parish Council's to contact all residents with information about the draft proposals. He thanked all residents who responded to the proposals and confirmed that any further relevant information would be communicated where applicable.

Cllr Rowe concluded by thanking all Cllrs and members of the public that had worked hard for the village during the last year and thanked everyone for attending.

5. OPEN FORUM.

(a) Skateboard Park – this issue was discussed further and it was concluded that a public meeting would be held to give the group the opportunity to present their proposals and to give other residents the opportunity to give views/responses. Cllr Rowe confirmed that this would be progressed.

..... Chairman

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