Minutes of Annual Parish Assembly

Held on Wednesday, 16th April 2014 at Atworth Village Hall

Apologies: Councillors: William Bird, Arnold Snowball, Terry Chivers (Unitary)
Parishioners: Ken Spencer, Simon Futcher, Shauna Green, Jo Svenson, Richard Schoppler

Attending: Councillors, Effie Gale-Sides, (Chairman) Maureen Weston, (Vice Chairman), Alan Bagnell, Ruth Griffin, Ros Cooper, Charles Boyle, Juliette de Malpas Player.

Mitch Roberts, (Parish Clerk), Peter Dauncey (Melksham Town Crier), plus 53 members of the public

Welcome: Peter Dauncey, Melksham Town Crier, welcomed those attending and formally announced that later in the proceedings, a presentation would be made to Mr David Webb, marking the conferring of the Honorary Freedom of the Parish of Atworth.

Cllr Effie Gale-Sides, Chairman, then formally opened the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Assembly, held on 17 April, 2013 were unanimously approved – **Resolution** proposed by Ruth Griffin and seconded by Maureen Weston.

Matters Arising: There were none.

Bank and Building Society Balances: Lloyds Bank - £5718 Santander - £4528

Parish Plan Review: Cllr Gale-Sides introduced John Polhill, Chairman of the parish plan steering group.
John Polhill then summarised recent activity relating to the plan review and followed, by inviting those attending, to formally record their personal views and at the same time speak to members of the steering group. This exercise would assist in consolidating other feedback that had been received from stakeholders
On completion, Cllr Gale-Sides thanked John and his steering group, for all of the hard work that they had put in. She also reiterated the fact that when this evening's proceedings were complete, attendees were invited to once again, speak to steering group members if they wished to do so.

Chairman's Report: Madam Chairman thanked the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk for all their hard work. She had been proud to work together with councillors who evidently were greatly committed to the wellbeing of the Parish. She presented her report for 2013 and **t**his will be available on the Parish Council website.www.atworth.org

Report by County Councillor: In Terry Chivers absence, (attending an area board meeting), the report will be on the Parish Council website.

Report from St Michaels & All Angels: Charles Boyle presented the report.

Report from Wiltshire Police: PC Barry Dalton presented the report.

Report from Neighbourhood Policing Task Group and Atworth Traffic Action Group (ATAG): Ken Spencer provided the update, but was unable to attend.

Report from Neighbourhood Watch: Rosemary Ward, the coordinator, presented her report.

Report from Churchfields School: The report will be on the website.

Report from Churchfield Crawlers: Jo Svenson provided an update.

Report from the village magazine and website: A verbal report was provided by Paul Tyler.

Report from Atworth WI: Mrs Jean Kain presented the report.

Report from the Over 55's Afternoon Tea: Maria Rowe read the report,

Report from Atworth Youth Club: Annette Holley, Youth Club Chairperson, presented her report.

Report from Atworth Independent Church: Rodney Price, presented the report.

Report from the Trustees of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground: Richard Clark presented the report.

Report from Atworth History Group: Gervase O'Donohoe, presented the report.

Report from Speed Watch: Alan Lee was unable to present his report due to insufficient time being available. It will be on the website.

Report from ATAG: In the absence of Ken Spencer, a report will be placed on the website

Honorary Freedom of the Parish of Atworth for David Webb. This award took place with an introduction by the Town Crier, and a congratulatory address by Sir James Fuller. Madam Chairman presented David Webb with a framed certificate and his wife with a gift of flowers. (The full award service is on the Parish Council website)

Any Other Business: Madam Chairman thanked everyone for their input which made this such a successful meeting. She invited those attending to remain after the meeting's closure to enjoy refreshments provided by the WI. She also encouraged attendees to speak to parish plan steering group members, about the plan and its current review.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Mitch Roberts
Parish Clerk
25/04/2014