

Assembly of the Parish Meeting held on Monday, 20th April 2015
in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. R. M. Bates in the Chair, all Parish Council members.
Cllr. M. Burgess (Borough Councillor).
and 22 members of the public.

Apologies:

County Councillor, Mr M. Hill.

The Chairman, Cllr. R. M. Bates welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Parish Councillors to the public.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous Parish Meeting were circulated to everyone present, after the amendment of the item on recycling credits from £ 9,000 p.a to £ £9,000 these were unanimously agreed as correct and duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. J. Wickens, seconded by Cllr. D. Hancock.

Matters Arising:

Wooden Posts, The Street - these have been erected to protect the grass verges from damage by vehicles and are a success. It was hoped to obtain a further grant to complete these posts as far as the Village Hall. It was suggested that poste should be positioned on the grass verge outside Vine House and Church House. Grateful thanks were extended to Mr Charles Wilkinson and Mr Ian Bampton for all their work on the project and special thanks to County Councillor Mike Hill for obtain the grant.

Correspondence:

Letter from Mr D. Hunt regarding the Four Wents Crossroads, Speeding traffic and the provision of a footway from Limen Cottages to Four Wents.

This led to considerable discussion, between the public and parish councillors.

The County Councillor is working on this matter and it was understood that K.C.C. Highways would be having a site meeting to discuss this with interested parties towards a possible solution to these problems which have been of concern for the last thirty years or so.

Financial Statement:

The Financial Statement of the Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2015 had been circulated to all present. After answering questions, it was proposed by Cllr. A. D. Winter, seconded by Mr B. S. Knight and unanimously agreed to adopt the Financial Statement.

Historical Board:

The Historical Information Board outside the Church requires renovating and this will cost in the region of £ 700. There were no adverse comments from the members of the public.

Village Hall Committee:

Mrs Wendy Selmes gave an interesting report on the Village Hall, the bookings continue to be about the same, with regular bookings from the Bowls Club and others including "keep fit" classes. There had been several fund-raising events. She thanked all the Committee and especially to Mr Brian Knight, for their continued support and she asked for volunteers to join the committee to keep it going. She expressed her sincere thanks to her husband, Mr

Grahame Selmes, for his untiring support and work for the Village Hall, without whom the Hall would not survive. The Chairman thanked her for all her work and the report, he reiterated her thanks to everyone involved on the committee.

**Recreation
Ground
Committee:**

Mr Nigel Peck gave a comprehensive report on the Recreation Ground. The Play Area is well used. The footballers use the pitch most weekends during the season but it was sad that out of the 35 regular players in the Sunday League only one actually comes from Appledore. The Committee failed to obtain a grant for a MUGA court. The Tennis Courts are to be patched again and new

netting

will be installed shortly.

The Classic Car Show continues to be a success with last year's event having to use another field to accommodate all the exhibited vehicles. He gave grateful thanks to everyone involved in the event which continues to be the mainstay of the Committees income.

The Chairman thanked him for his report and all the committee for their hard work


**Chairman's
Report:**

Cllr. R. M. Bates gave a very comprehensive report of the Parish Councils year to the meeting. He gave details of the achievements made during last four years in their term of office. He thanked all the Councillors for their work for the Parish during the last year and gave special thanks to all those who declined to stand for re-election and grateful thanks to the previous Chairman, Cllr. Mrs Frances Smith for all her hard work. The Clerk, Mrs Mary Shaw was thanked for her knowledge and expertise, and support to him over the past year.

**Borough
Councillors
Report:**

Cllr. M. Burgess gave an interesting review of his year as Borough Councillor. He was thanked for all his work for the Parish and the Chairman was pleased to announce that Cllr Burgess was re-elected at an uncontested election and will be able to carry on with his valuable work for Appledore.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.



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