

# Enford Parish Council

## Annual General Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009

**Present:**

Chairman                                      Ken Monk  
Vice-Chairman                                Tessa Manser  
Councillors:                                  Ann Merrett, Stan Bagwell, Norman Beardsley, Michael Fay,  
Frank Horsford, Adrian Orr, Martin Webb, Jane Young.

In attendance:                                Alan Woods

Chairman opened the meeting at 6.32 p.m.

1.     **APOLOGIES** – Mrs. Sara Everett
2.     **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**    None
3.     **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** – Proposed Frank Horsford that Ken Monk be chairman for the coming year. Seconded Stan Bagwell, all councillors in favour. Mr. Monk accepted the office.
4.     **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** – Proposed Norman Beardsley that Tessa Manser be Vice-Chairman for the coming year. Seconded Stan Bagwell, all councillors in favour. Mrs. Manser accepted the office.
5.     **ELECTION OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER GROUPS:**
  - Planning Committee. The following councillors were elected to the Planning Committee:  
Mrs Manser  
Mrs Everett  
Mr Horsford  
Mrs Young  
Mrs Merrett  
Adrian Orr  
Mr Monk (ex-officio)
  - Representatives. The following councillors will represent the Parish Council:  
Police    Mr Monk  
WALC    Mr Beardsley  
Rights of Way                                    Mr Beardsley  
Highways & Transport                        Mr Bagwell  
Pewsey ACT and others                        Mr Bagwell & Mr Monk  
Village Hall                                        Ann Merrett  
Parish Hall                                         Mrs Young  
Playpark & Activities                         Mrs Everett and Mr Horsford  
Press Officer                                      Mr Monk

Mr Webb said he was prepared to help with any of the committees, but would prefer a year to find his feet as a councillor. Council agreed with his choice.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Cllr. Horsford brought up the fact that the Village Hall had been £700 in deficit last year, and this fact had been missed in the minutes of the last regular meeting. Clerk would rectify this. The discussion moved on to speculate on the future of the Village Hall. Cllr. Bagwell regretted the fact that fund-raising for the Church and new Village Hall had been very successful, but no charity events had been held for the Parish Hall. Cllr. Young pointed out that events did take place within the hall and had raised good sums of money. She also stated that the Parish Hall was still breaking even. The loss in the previous year had been caused by expenditure on maintenance and repairs, further work would be needed this year but there was still money in the kitty. Cllr Horsford asked how much reserves the hall had. Clerk replied he was not party to the finances. Chair explained that the council were trustees to the hall but it was run by a management committee. Cllr. Fay asked about possible grants for the hall. Chair replied that this had been looked at. Clerk said that without a proper plan of action significant grants would not be available.
- The discussion moved on to the possible use of the new Village Hall for council meetings. Opinions were varied with Cllr. Orr and Cllr. Merrett both saying the new hall would be warmer and more comfortable, and other councillors advocating we should support the old Parish Hall. It was agreed that the cost of using the new Hall should be ascertained and a decision on use made when the new hall was up and running.
- Further discussion on the future of the Parish Hall took place. Several councillors having suggestions for future use and others seeing no place for the building in the future. The question of selling the property was raised, and the Clerk pointed out that he had contacted the Charity Commission to find out the procedure. He stated that in such an event the Trustees were duty bound to obtain the highest possible price for the property. After further discussion Chairman called a halt to this subject.
- Clerk read out a letter from Tanya Becker, editor of the Newsletter, where she asked if some public recognition could be made of the work done by individuals in building the new Village Hall. Council applauded the sentiment and Cllr. Orr volunteered to draft a letter.

There being no other business Chairman closed the meeting at 7.07 p.m.

8. Date of next meeting: One years time.

Bill Vergette  
Clerk to the Council.