

**BODENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT SIWARD JAMES CENTRE, BODENHAM  
MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011**

Item	Minutes	Action
<b>1.0</b>	<p><b>Attendance</b></p> <p>Cllr David Tilford (Chair) Cllr Tony Mitcheson (Vice-Chair) Cllr Mrs Sharon Avery Cllr Tony Clark Cllr Stan Davis Cllr Mrs Pam James-Moore Cllr Robin Knott Cllr Derek Ling Cllr Mike Mullenger Cllr Jeremy Millar (District Councillor)</p> <p>Mr Chris Smith (Clerk)</p> <p>12 members of the public were present.</p>	<p>DT TM SA TC SD PJ-M RK DL MM JM</p> <p>CS</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<p><b>Election of New Chairman</b></p> <p>The Clerk invited nominations for the post of Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Ling was nominated by Cllr Knott and was seconded by Cllr Davis. Cllr Ling was duly elected.</p>	
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b>Election of New Vice-Chairman</b></p> <p>The Clerk invited nominations for the post of Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Knott was nominated by Cllr James-Moore and was seconded by Cllr Davis. Cllr Knott was duly elected.</p> <p>Cllr Ling then thanked the Councillors who had formed the previous Parish Council for their hard work over the past four years. Cllr Ling thanked Cllr Tilford for his long service, including the past three years as Chairman, and thanked Cllr Herbert for his twenty nine years of service.</p> <p>Cllr Ling said that the Parish Council would be looking to co-opt new members over the coming months and that, although it was disappointing that only four people stood for the Parish Council election, this was not an indication of apathy and that the community was still thriving.</p>	
<b>4.0</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010</b></p> <p>The minutes were accepted.</p>	
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising from the minutes.</p>	
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b>Accounts for 2010/2011</b></p> <p>Cllr Ling presented the accounts for 2010/11. He reported that the turnover for the Parish Council during this period was over £67,000, which indicated that the Parish Council had been very active. Although the remaining funds were only around £1000, the precept – over £4000 – should have been received, but did not appear in the</p>	

accounts, because the latest bank statement had not been received. Cllr Knott suggested that the accounts should not be accepted until the figures had been confirmed by our Auditor.

**7.0 Election of Parish Hall Representative**

Cllr Ling nominated Cllr Knott to serve as the Parish Hall representative. Cllr Knott asked to defer his appointment until additional members have been co-opted to the Parish Council. This was agreed.

**8.0 Election of Emergency/Flooding Representative**

Cllr Ling said that he would ask Bodenham Flood Protection Group to nominate a representative. He asked Cllr Clark, if he would continue in the interim. Cllr Clark agreed to this.

**9.0 Appointment of Emergency Co-ordinator**

Cllr Tilford reported that no Emergency Co-ordinator had been appointed in 2010, He explained that Bodenham Parish Council had opted not to make an appointment, because it was felt that the Bodenham Flood Protection Group fulfilled most of the functions of the Emergency Co-ordinator.

**10.0 Annual Grants – Churchyard and Parish Hall**

It was agreed that the following grants would be paid:

1. £800 to the Parish hall
2. £500 to the Churchyard
3. £50 to the British Legion

Cllr Ling reported that the grant to the Churchyard was not paid in 2010-11. Cllr Davis suggested that, in the light of this, the grant should be increased to £600. This was not agreed.

**11.0 Appointment of Internal Auditor**

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Paul Hemmings, to ask if he was willing to continue as Internal Auditor.

**CS**

**12.0 Dates of Parish Council Meetings**

Cllr Ling suggested meeting bi-monthly until other councillors have been co-opted. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July and that a decision about future dates would be made then. The Clerk was instructed to circulate details of candidates for co-option.

**CS**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm