



## SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

### ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 9th May 2011 at 7.00 pm

**Present:**

Cllr Chris Clews	Chairman
Cllr Phil Jones	
Cllr David Shaw	
Cllr Geoff Smith	
Cllr Clive Rickhards	Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Justin Kerridge	Stratford District Council
Mrs T Murphy	Clerk

**Apologies:** Cllr Willis Ward, who was unwell

There were 8 parishioners present

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**Parish Council Chairman's Report**

***Attendance at the Parish Council meetings:*** Full attendance, except for September and March, when we were one Councillor short out of the seven. Public attendance hit double figures at two meetings.

***Planning:*** 16 applications have been looked at. One went against the decision of the Parish Council.

***Review:***

- Chris Dobson, Waste and Recycling Officer from WCC, addressed the meeting.
- Affordable housing and The Trust.
- Final phase of tree maintenance – oak and ash in the recreation ground. Inspection programme continues.
- Neighbourhood Watch – tried to restart.
- MiniFest goes from strength to strength.
- Royal Wedding celebrations were well attended.
- Daffodils planted at 5 Sambourne banner signs and flowered this year!
- Relations with the police remain good. They operate surgeries approx every two weeks, when they park up in the lay-by to address any problems.
- The police visit Sambourne with radar guns to check whether the speed limit is being followed.
- Community Speed Watch continues. We need more volunteers to reduce the load on the existing operators.

- Speeding: data shows that although the new 30 mph limit has reduced speeds the mean is nearly 9 mph above limit. Met with WCC Traffic Group and Cllr Rickhards.
- Base of the War Memorial has been re-pointed as the cold winter had damaged the mortar. Look at possibility of cleaning it later in the year.
- Biodiversity group established.
- Cracked finger blade removed, repaired and repainted – awaiting re-fit.
- Village survey completed and distributed (thanks to helpers). 50% replied. Waiting to carry out analysis.
- Take extra grass cutting previously contracted out by SDC for retrospective payment.
- Various flooding issues resolved – the long-standing problem at Capilano corner. WCC found land drain blocked and damaged by gas contractors.
- Severe winter – impact made less by the grit bins and the landowners who cleared the snow from many lanes in the village.
- Completed the Project with Studley High School. We now have an A – Z of house names in the lanes of Sambourne. There are two files – an image and a pdf – which have been given to First Responders to use for the Emergency Services.
- Village litter pick – this tidies up the village in the Springtime – usual faces, usual absentees.
- Walks are organised so that all footpaths are used at least once each year. Maintenance work continues.

***Thanks were expressed to:***

- The four others on the Parish Council – each one a staunch protector of the village. They each have areas of special knowledge and expertise. A pleasure to work with.
- Terry for keeping us organised and ensuring the notice boards are up to date.
- Geoff for all his work in the recreation ground and clearing overgrown footpaths.
- Phil and Sue for caring for the border around the Memorial and lots of other tasks.
- Justin Kerridge and the others who work together to organise the festive side of the village. The MiniFest just gets better each year. The celebrations for the Royal Wedding were another success.
- Litter pickers and all who turned out for the village tidy up.
- There are a lot of ‘unsung heroes’- those who take a pride in Sambourne and contribute in so many ways. Their efforts are appreciated.

**Annual Accounts of Sambourne Parish Council**

The Clerk reported that the accounts for 2010/11 had been prepared and would be forwarded to the internal auditor. The accounts will then be sent to the external auditors, Clement Keys, for ratification.

## **Report from WI**

The WI again had a good year, with well attended meetings and a variety of speakers.

### ***Speakers included:***

- The ex-Governor of Hewell Grange – the first woman who has ever held such a position.
- Three musicians

### ***Other Events:***

- Coffee morning and bring and buy
- Plant sales

As ever, the WI needs new members. The Chairman asked for a list of Events, which he would put on the website.

## **Report from the Sambourne Trust**

David Shaw read the Report from the Sambourne Trust.

- 2010/11 saw the beginning of the fourth century of the Sambourne Trust.
- The Trust's secretary of several years retired a few months before the sudden death of the Trust's long term chairman, Robin Quinney. Shortly after this, the replacement secretary left the district for personal reasons. The Trust now has a new secretary who it is believed will serve them well in the future.
- The current financial situation has reduced the Trust's income and consequently tight control has to be kept on resources.
- The annual distribution of shopping tokens to residents over 70, and to others where circumstances warranted this support, went ahead as usual.
- The Thursday shopping bus to Redditch has continued to be well supported. It is intended to continue this service.
- During the year a number of educational donations were made, together with support for The Shakespeare Hospice, the Air Ambulance Service and also to the League of Friends of the Alexandra Hospital, in memory of Robin Quinney.
- There is a planned programme of maintenance and refurbishment of Trust properties.
- The new Trust website should be up and running within the next few weeks.
- Thanks to Mrs Anne Shaw for acting as liaison warden and also for the help and care she has shown to Mrs Eva Jones, the oldest resident.
- David Shaw finished by thanking his fellow Trustees for all their help and support during the past difficult months.

## **Issues of particular local importance**

No matters raised

## **Other matters raised**

No matters raised.