

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Methodist Schoolroom, Chapel Road, Lingwood on Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011 at 7.30pm.

**Welcome** - Chairman David Moss welcomed 9 members of the Council, 6 parishioners, Norfolk County Councillor Brian Iles and Clerk Sonya Dickinson.

**Apologies** were received from Councillor Krisy Little, Mike Nelthorpe, May Ratcliff and P.C. Julie Swift.

**Minutes of the last APM** were read by the Clerk.

**Matters arising** – *Mr Gould pointed out that the Parish Council has still not had a section in the Gt Yarmouth Mercury.* Mr Moss apologised and said that the Council will talk to Nancy Benns. *It was asked if the Millennium Green is to be fenced.* It was a stipulation on receiving the grants that free play was to be encouraged and no fencing is to be placed around the play area. *Comments were made that there has been less trouble at the Millennium Green over the winter. The Youth Shelter is being used more and without any trouble apart from some litter.* Mr Tony Gould has taken up a voluntary position as Parish Litter Warden and Mr Moss thanked Tony and Anne Bone for keeping the Parish cleaner.

**Report by the Chairman** – Read out by Mr Moss, copy attached.

**Adoption of Chairman's report**- proposed by Mrs Sylvia Nelthorpe and seconded by Mrs Shirley Peters, all in favour.

**Reports from County and District Councillors, PC Julie Swift and any Village Organisations:**

District Councillor Shirley Peters read her report – copy attached.

Norfolk County Councillor Brian Iles read his report – copy attached.

In PC Julie Swift's absence, Councillor Shirley Peters read her report – Copy attached.

**Questions from the floor** It was asked if the crimes had gone up since last year. Yes they have but not as high as the year before.

Brian Iles informed us that the Police will have an elected Commissioner next year and soon for non emergencies the number will be switching to 190 instead of the 0845 number.

*Brian Iles was asked if the National Trust had been asked to take over any heritage sites that Norfolk County Council are cutting the budget on.* Brian said that the National Trust will not take over the care of these. The heritage sites encourage tourism and therefore jobs so should be kept up.

*Mr Nigel Ratcliff thanked the Parish Council members for donating their time on behalf of the Parish.*

*Mr Dennis Carter thanked the Parish Council for supplying the Parish Cemetery and the upkeep of the cemetery, it is appreciated, he also thanked the Council for the donation towards the churchyard.*

Mr Moss thanked all for coming and hoped to see them at future meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.