

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of Funtington Parish was held at Funtington and District Village Hall, West Ashling, on Wednesday 28th April, 2010, at 6.30 p.m.

Mr. J. M. Sewell, the Chairman of the Parish Council, took the Chair. He welcomed the parishioners and the County and District Councillors.

Mr. Sewell then summarised the minutes of last year's meeting, which were agreed and signed.

As there were no matters arising, the Chairman then drew attention to the Parish Council's Annual Report, copies of which had been placed on the seats. This report summarised the Council's activities during the year, but further details would be supplied by the Convenors of the Working Groups.

Mr. La Hive said that the Parish Emergency Plan had been completed and approved by the District Council.

Mr. Hammond reported that they had made good progress with updating the Parish Plan, which was now on the website. The Parish Information Booklet has also been updated and is on the website.

Mrs. Bateman said that Walks Leaflets were being drawn up and when printed copies would be available in the Village Shop. She thanked Mr. Baird and Mr. Hoare for providing permissive footpaths in the parish.

Mrs. Hall said that a new table and seat had been provided in the play area. The area was well maintained by a local contractor.

Mr. Medlam reported that planning had been busier since Christmas.

Mr. Vinall said that speed reduction was still a high priority. The purchase of a community Mobile Speed Indicator Device and the training of volunteers to use it was still progressing.

County Councillor Mrs. Louise Goldsmith said that the County Council were continuing to review services, with a target of £22M savings this year and £28M next year.

District Councillor Mrs. Julie Tassell said that the District Council had also been reviewing services with £3M savings planned.

Mr. Sewell then welcomed Mr. Austin Wade, from HydeMartlett and Mr. Sam Irving from Chichester District Council who spoke about the affordable housing being built in West Ashling. Mr. Wade talked about the mix of housing and gave an expected completion date of 10th December. He also thanked Councillor Hammond for all his efforts in connection with affordable housing. Mr. Irving talked about the allocation of the properties to those applicants on the list. A special applications meeting will be held three months before the properties are ready when anyone with local connections can ask for their name to be added to the list. The District Council will make the final decision about the allocation of the properties.

Mr. Sewell then thanked the speakers for talking to the parishioners.

The Chairman then referred to the year's activities, as listed in the Annual report, particularly winning the Village of the Year Competition.

He then thanked County Councillor Mrs. Louise Goldsmith and District Councillor Mrs. Julie Tassell for their help to the Parish Council during the year. He also thanked the Clerk and the Councillors for their support during the year.

Both the County Councillor and the District Councillor thanked the Chairman and councillors for their support during the year.

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Mr. Brown thanked the Chairman for all his efforts during the year.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman
27th April, 2011