

# **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – May 2011**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### **1. COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

It's been a busy year for Parish Councillors. In addition to our own monthly Parish meetings, Councillors have attended monthly Bourne Valley Alliance meetings and some 6 Area Board meetings. In this regard, I'm confident in stating that your Parish Council is fully informed and up to speed with current and future Wiltshire Council and Area Board plans.

### **2. CHANGE OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Since our last annual meeting, Rob Kitson has moved and John Hill has replaced him on the Council. Glynis Barnes, after 14 years' service on the Council has retired and so a vacancy exists which we hope will be filled by someone to represent Boscombe.

### **3. FINANCES**

Finances are in good order and Annual Accounts have been successfully audited. The planned budget for 2010 was completed with no overspend. At year end our emergency project fund stood at £2,000 and we had enough additional funds to complete several repair projects in the villages. Our Precept budget for the next 12 months of operation and parish administration is £7,980.

### **4. VILLAGE LIFE**

Our biggest project was the publication of our Parish Plan that was completed and circulated in March this year. Sub Committees have subsequently been formed to promote Youth, Seniors and

Village Life and I'm delighted to report that residents are fully appreciative and supportive of a new enthusiasm to improve village life for all residents.

The re-introduction of a summer garden party, bonfire night party, introduction of village newsletter and plans for youth projects are all very much welcomed and fully supported by the Parish Council.

Government and Wiltshire Council cuts are sure to have an effect on future village life – particularly in the next few years. What we know to date is that bus routes and timetable reductions are expected to be introduced in October and by next Spring our parish switches from weekly to fortnightly refuse collections. The Council will keep all residents up to speed with any future cuts that will affect residents – young and old.

So, to conclude, I'm confident in reporting that the Parish Council and new Village Community Partnership have had a busy but productive year and that Allington and Boscombe residents have every right to be proud of their achievements in the last 12 months.