

**MINUTES OF CHILMARK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 13 MAY  
2010 AT 7PM IN THE READING ROOM**

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr P Boyles, Cllr E Pelham, Cllr E Jack, Cllr L Taylor, Cllr M Fowler, Cllr Sir R Packer, Wilts Cllr Wayman.

Public Present: 6

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and accepted apologies from: Cllr L Taylor

2. The Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 14 May 2009 were proposed by the Chmn agreed and signed.

**3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr MF nominated Cllr P Boyles as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Hayward and agreed. Cllr Boyles nominated Cllr EP as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Hayward and agreed.

**4. ANNUAL REPORTS**

The Chairman

This is my sixth report that I have been privileged to make to the Chilmark Annual Parish Assembly and I would like to thank the members of the PC for their continued support in dealing with all the various matters that need to be dealt with over the year.

During this year we have taken formal ownership of the parcel of land generously bequeathed to the PC by the late Diana Forbes and have entered into grazing agreement which will assist in maintenance of the field at little or no cost to the community.

We have also taken formal ownership of The Millennium Cross along with an endowment from the Millennium Cross committee which will enable essential maintenance to be carried out as and when necessary.

I am pleased to report that the PC has once again been able to provide some financial support for The Reading Room committee and the Chilmark Playground committee. Both organisations providing a valuable community resource and managed on a purely voluntary basis by members of the village.

This year has seen a lot of interaction with Wiltshire Council Highways Dept, The Tisbury and Parishes Community Area Partnership (TAPCAP) and the Tisbury Community Safety Partnership in respect of the B3089 and we will continue to press for action to minimise risk to our community along this busy stretch of road.

To conclude my report I would once again like to express my thanks to Jenny, our Parish Clerk for all the work she does acting as our executive officer.

The Reading Room Report by Chairman, Chrissie Eden.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all very much for paying our annual insurance bill. It is a great help to us and we appreciate it enormously.

I took over the Chairmanship of the Chilmark Reading room at the AGM in November. Janie Middleton had been in the chair for fourteen years and as you are aware I am sure, made a great many improvements during that time and we are greatly indebted to her for all her hard work. Tom Weir also stepped down as Treasurer, after many years on the Committee and we are very grateful for all he did too. Their last project was to repair the doorway and work was also done on the garden. They also had two mini-markets, a very successful quiz night and Christmas Bazaar.

The New Governing Document by the Charity Commissioners is now complete. Having read it a second time, I noticed that they want it referred to as "the Chilmark Reading Room" so I am endeavouring to remember to put it on all our correspondence and advertising.

My vision for the Chilmark Reading Room is to put on more functions for all the generations of the village, to encourage more regular bookings and to improve the kitchen facilities.

We have had a successful Bingo Evening and have a Sing-a-long Evening planned for June.

We are most grateful for our regular bookings: the Art Group and Yoga Group. We now have the Social Stitchers and the Youth Club meeting regularly. I propose to hold some craft

mornings for the 7-11 year old in the village, in the forthcoming months. We are holding a Bring and Buy Coffee Morning in July and in October I hope you will all join us for a Cheese and Wine Party to celebrate one hundred years of the Chilmark Reading Room as the brick on the wall tells us so, although the earliest paperwork seem to date from 1915! We are most grateful for your support and hope it will continue for the future. Thank you very much.

#### The Playground Committee Report

The Chmn reported on behalf of Sally Butcher, that they had held a public meeting to decide the way ahead. They have been hard at work fundraising and are in touch with various funding bodies. They may well appeal to the Parish Council this year for funds. The new Committee is keenly focused and has already carried out much needed repair work. We wish them well.

#### **4. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2008/9**

The Clerk explained in detail the breakdown of the accounts for the FY 2009-10 as per attached summary. As at 31 March 2010 the total expenditure was £6902.88 and the total receipts were £16124.03

The balance in the current account as at 31 March 2010 was £9221.15 as per the bank statement. Of note, under receipts £2,497.52 was passed across for the maintenance of the Millennium Cross. This sum is ring fenced and is not used for any other matters. Likewise, a legacy of £2,000 was passed across as a most generous legacy from the late Miss Forbes to the Parish Council for the maintenance of her field which she bequeathed to the Parish. The Parish Council has been reviewing our annual insurance premium and Zurich Municipal is now offering us the same cover for £412 instead of £480 quoted by AON. Cllr NH proposed we should take the cheapest quote, this was seconded by Cllr Sir R P and all agreed. The Clerk also mentioned that the Council has paid a sum of back pay to the Clerk which was in line with the contract of employment, for which she is most grateful.

A question was raised about the cost of grass cutting at Fricker's Paddock. The Chmn explained that it was a job left to the Parish Council by the Housing Association which we are responsible for and we will obtain three quotes to ensure value for money. The sloping verge is cut by the Highways Dept, and less frequently than the rest and that cost is borne by them. He also mentioned that Fricker's Paddock Playground is getting used much more by children than in the past.

With regard to the precept, there had been several years of a flat precept which was coming to an end in line with other costs.

There being no further questions, the accounts were proposed for adoption by Cllr EP and seconded by Cllr NH and agreed.

#### **5. AOB**

Cllr Fowler wished to formally recognise the tenacity of Cllr Wayman who has pursued the B3089 issue with determination. The Chmn seconded this. The Chmn mentioned that Bridget had done a lot of work with the Area Boards and with TAP CAP which is much appreciated by the community. He asked if there had been any development in lifting the weight limit on the B3089. Wilts Cllr Wayman replied that they still await a report from the Highways Agency. They are now unlikely to improve the junction or they might even stop completely in order to save money.

Cllr Jack attends the Parish Liaison Meetings in the Valley and she reported that in Dinton they are implementing the Community Speed Watch. Chilmark PC had decided not to pursue the CSW but to wait and see how it develops in Dinton.

With regards Planning applications, in the past, the SDC gave a very good service but now notification is hit and miss and there is little feedback. Wilts Cllr Wayman said that the elected members will always call in any plans if requested, just as before. However the service does seem to rely more heavily on the internet as a means of informing Parish Councils.

**The date of the next Annual Assembly will be Thursday 12 May 2011 at 7pm in the Reading Room.**

**Date:**

**Chairman**