

GREAT ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 15th May 2006 in the Addingtons' Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm

06/1 Present at the meeting.

Councillors: Mr C Fry (in the Chair), Mr K Binley, Mr J Hall, Mr H Mayes, Mr N Palmer and Mrs P Perkins.
In attendance: Mrs H Hoier (Clerk), Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Cllr A Langley (NCC), Mrs J Mayes (School Governor), Mrs J Smith, Mr R Smith and Mr P York.
Apologies for absence: Mrs C May.

06/2 Introduction and welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited members of the public to participate by asking questions or raising issues whenever they felt that this was appropriate.

06/3 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd May 2005.

These minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

06/4 Matters arising from the previous meeting.

There were no specific matters arising from the previous meeting but the Chairman will refer to the Council's prudent financial policy, the successful completion of improvement work to the junction of Cranford Road and Main Street and the present situation regarding the Milton Keynes and South Midlands (MKSM) development when he presents his report.

06/5 Chairman's report for 2005/06.

The Chairman summarized the roles and responsibilities of Great Addington Parish Council (GAPC) and advised that local residents will have the opportunity to stand for election in May 2007. A brief breakdown of the Council's expenditure was provided and Mr R Smith's general questions about the setting of the Precept were answered. The improvement work to the junction of Cranford Road and Main Street was completed on schedule and support of the Community Planning Network (funded by the Rockingham Forest Trust) continues to be the most effective method of influencing any planning decisions which may affect the local area as a consequence of the MKSM development. Cllr C Fry concluded his report by thanking his fellow Councillors, the Clerk, Local Government members for the District and County Councils and all Addingtons' organization representatives for their support and contributions throughout the last year.

06/6 Reports from Local Government members.

a) Cllr A Langley (NCC).

Cllr A Langley (NCC) referred particularly to road safety issues in both Great Addington and Irthlingborough Division when he presented his first annual report and pledged his continued support of GAPC. The anticipated growth in Northamptonshire as a result of the MKSM and Wellingborough East developments (and the potentially inadequate infrastructure to sustain this) was also highlighted. After summarizing his roles and responsibilities at County Hall, Cllr Langley concluded his report by thanking the Councillors and the Clerk of GAPC for their support during his first year as the County Councillor for Irthlingborough Division.

b) Cllr D Hughes (ENC).

Cllr D Hughes (ENC) summarized the activities of the Scrutiny Committee and the Standards Board before reporting on the success of the Central Administration Unit (CAU) which was established as a consequence of the Licensing Act 2003. The significance of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) was highlighted by both Cllr Hughes and Cllr Langley and the anticipated structural reorganization of their respective Councils was noted. Cllr Hughes advised on the availability of funding from various sources including the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) and suggested that GAPC could consult with Raunds Town Council on the public liability insurance of fully equipped play areas.

