

PARISH OF KIDMORE END

18 March 2009

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Parish Room, Kidmore End, at 7.30pm this day, when 6 local government electors and 1 member of the public were present, under the chairmanship of Mr A K Martin, Chairman of the Parish Council

Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 March 2008, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report on the work of the Parish Council during the preceding year. (A copy of the report is inserted in the Minute Book.)

In particular, the Chairman referred to:

- the project to replace the pavilion at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground;
- the benefits which might flow from communal transport for pupils from Caversham at Kidmore End School;
- the lack of any real action by the County Council to alleviate the accident record on the A4074 road through the Parish;
- speculation as to the content of Reading Borough Council's bid for Transport Innovation Fund monies;
- consultation on 51 planning applications;
- the outcome of the Examination in Public of the draft regional spatial strategy, the South East Plan;
- 39 crimes recorded in the Parish during the year 2007/8, a reduction of 18%;
- the anticipated introduction of revised refuse collection arrangements;
- the precept for 2009/10 - £29,000 - which would entail an average Council Tax payment of £44 for the year, and represented a significant increase over the current year;
- the death of Prof T R Morris, and the resignations of Mr M Naish and Mrs C Toms, and the co-option of Dr B J Knapp and Mr J A Swift: there remained one vacancy.

In conclusion, the Chairman thanked his fellow councillors for their service to the community.

Playing Fields Committee

Mr R S Young reported on the work of the Playing Fields Committee, covering the maintenance of the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground and the Kidmore End Play Area. Steps were being taken to develop a scheme for the refurbishment of the Kidmore End site, while the equipment at Gallowstree Common had been repaired. It was hoped shortly to go out to tender for the replacement Pavilion at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground, while raising the funds to meet the cost of the new building continued.

Caversham Consolidated Charities

Mr H Thresher, the Parish Council's Trustee, reported that the Caversham Consolidated Charities had balances of £3847 and had made disbursements of £444 in the past year.

The Dorothea Vanderstegen Trust

The Chairman advised that the Rev G D Foulis-Brown had told him that the Dorothea Vanderstegen Trust had balances of c£500, that income in the year had amounted to £11 and there had been no expenditure.

Allotments

There was no report from the Allotments' Manager.

Other Parish Business

Nothing was raised.

The meeting concluded at 8.00pm.