

## PARISH OF KIDMORE END

21 March 2012

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Parish Room, Kidmore End, at 7.30pm this day, when 12 local government electors and a district councillor, not otherwise an elector of the Parish, were present, under the chairmanship of Mr A K Martin, Chairman of the Parish Council

### Minutes

The Clerk was unable to produce the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23 March 2011, so confirmation of them was deferred.

### 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 practical completion of the project to replace the pavilion at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground, which was officially opened in the summer of 2011, and which cost £589,000 against a contract figure of £590,000;
- the re-opening of the allotments at Cane End;
- the decision to support a small development of affordable housing at Gallowstree Common, for which a planning application was awaited;
- consultation on 46 planning applications, with particular reference to a contentious application regarding Dysons Wood House, Tokers Green;
- the changing planning regime, as a result of the Localism Act 2011, and the prospect of neighbourhood planning;
- reviews of the local response to wintry road conditions;
- the precept for 2012/13, which would entail an average Council Tax payment of £53 for the year, and which was needed to restore the Council's balances following the decision of HM Revenue & Customs not to allow £11,600 of VAT to be reclaimed;
- his thanks to the Editorial Board of the Parish Newsletter and to the webmaster;
- the retirement of Dr D J M McNie and Mr N J Topham, and the co-option of Mr R C Gutteridge and Mrs S J Hunter: 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, focussing in particular on the commissioning of the new Pavilion at the Gallowstree Common Recreation Ground, the culmination of a project of many years' standing from inception. The Committee was still exploring the costs of operation, but the facilities were far superior to the previous premises. The play areas at Gallowstree Common and Kidmore End were in need of refurbishment, and a scheme for the Kidmore End site was progressing. More mundane issues included the perennial problem of dog faeces on the playing pitches at Gallowstree Common.

## **Caversham Consolidated Charities**

It was reported that the Charity Commission's website showed the Caversham Consolidated Charities received income of £562 in the past year, spent £150.

## **The Dorothea Vanderstegen Trust**

The Clerk advised that there were no accounts for the Dorothea Vanderstegen Trust available on the Charity Commission website.

## **Allotments**

The Allotments' Manager reported all plots let and rent paid, and that the re-opened plots at Cane End were under cultivation.

## **Other Parish Business**

Nothing was raised.

The meeting concluded at 7.55pm.