

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Venue: Village Hall, Ashbury

Date: Monday 9 May 2005

Attendees: Peggy Leon, Steve Bunce, Reg Smith, Jim Spence, Steve Treadwell

Apologies Marion Turner

Circulation: As above plus, Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (County Councillor), Yvonne Constance (District Councillor), minute book and village website

Minutes of the last AGM

Minutes of the last AGM held on 11 May 2004 were read, agreed and signed.

Chairman's report

The Chairman thanked all for their efforts and input during the last year, in particular to Steve Treadwell for acting as Vice-Chairman. There had been a lot of work in the past year connected with the College Farm development but it was hoped now this would be completed.

Elections

The Chairman advised she would be standing down, as promised when she originally took office. In reply, all the councillors expressed their thanks for the work Mrs Leon had done for the council during her tenure as Chairman.

Chairman	Steve Treadwell	Proposed by Reg Smith Seconded by Peggy Leon
Vice Chairman	Peggy Leon	Proposed by Steve Bunce Seconded by Jim Spence
Countryways & Transport	Reg Smith	Proposed by Peggy Leon Seconded by Steve Bunce
Village Hall rep	Reg Smith	Proposed by Peggy Leon Seconded by Steve Treadwell

The Clerk will find out from Michael Starr the requirements for having a School Governors representative and if the governors have been reconstituted. JRG

Accounts

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2005 were presented and signed.

The clerk confirmed the audit would be completed and submitted before the deadline in June. All figures were in place for submission.

Jim Spence advised the cost for cutting the graveyard was to rise by £10 per cut to £100.

Financial matters

Steve Bunce requested that the council finds out the cost of having to organise elections of councillors – both by-elections and ordinary elections. This amount should be held in a reserve fund to allow for the expenses incurred. JRG

The clerk advised the insurance is due for renewal in June and although a competitive rate, the annual increase of approximately 25% seemed excessive. Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor agreed to find out if other parish councillors hold public liability insurance. AF'O

Dates of future meetings

It is planned for the parish council to meet on the following dates:

11 July 2005
12 September
14 November
16 January 2006
13 March
8 May