

The **Annual Parish Meeting of Puriton Parish Council** was held in The Village Hall Riverton Road Puriton on **Tuesday 11th April 2006** commencing at 8.00 p.m. when the following business was transacted:

PRESENT Councillors M P Herbert (Chairman) and the clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition there were twenty one members of the public present that included the following Parish Councillors Councillors Mrs J Fletcher and Mrs S Tizzard Messrs D Good G Lavick J Hood W Watts and the clerk Mr B Poole

APOLOGIES Councillor Mr Mark Healey

MINUTES The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2005 were read by the clerk and thereafter approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

May I welcome every one this evening and hope that by the end you have a feel for what we do as a parish council

Can I start by thanking those councillors who ably deputised for me during my absence, and finally may I welcome our new councillor Mr.Lavick.

So what does the parish council do?

Well we agree the precept, which Mr. Bruce Poole will talk to you about in a little while

We evaluate planning matters from small to large developments and our comments and concerns if any are fed back to the District council for their consideration.

Open spaces, footpath and bridle ways are discussed and Councillor Judith Fletcher will advise later

We support through the precept your village hall, the sports pavilion, the toddlers group, and many more deserving bodies.

We voice to the District and County council any concerns or issues raised by the parishioners and generally we gain a solution.

Your councillors who hard working unpaid members work tirelessly supported by our clerk, strive to interpret and deal with the ever-increasing demands placed on this Parish council. The predominance of this legislation and policies come from central government who state they are giving the people the right to choose and have a say.

That may be so; however it is not easy and once again I thank the councillors for their continued devotion and support.

My vision as Chairman for this council is for us to continually evolve so that we are best placed to deliver your wishes and demands the most effective and efficient way possible. To this end we as a council need to consider whether quality status and village design plans are the way forward and will it achieve our and your aims.

Our successes to date are:

The continued survival of local facilities, we're in one now.

Traffic issues- Better infrastructure for the sparse bus service - Street lighting - ASBO's - LAT and the youth programme that is gaining momentum and Mr Jimmy Hood will illuminate in awhile. Dog fouling linked to the clean neighbourhood Act

COUNCIL REPORTS

The Following reports were verbally presented to the meeting copies of the written reports are attached to the minute book.

Precept
Planning
Playing Field

Mr B Poole
Cllr. Mr M Healey
Cllr Mrs J Fletcher

Village Hall
Footpaths
Roads & Transport
District Council

Cllr M Healey
Cllr Mrs J Fletcher
Cllr M Healey
Cllr M Healey

CHARITIES REPORT

Mrs A Roberts presented a verbal report of the Puriton Charities a copy of which is attached to the minute book.

POLICE REPORT LAT

None
Cllr J Hood

There then followed a short presentation given by Mrs Clare James on the work of The Children's Society.

The Chairman gave the members of the public present an opportunity to ask questions on the reports and a number of general questions were asked.

The Meeting concluded at 09.15 pm.