MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ATHERSTONE PARISH

Date of meeting Wednesday 11th May 2011 at 6.30 p.m.
Place of Meeting The Town Council Chamber, The Old Mortuary, North Street.

Present
Town Cllrs: R.Barker, D.Clews, G.Davis, M.Davis, L.Freer, R.Jarvis, M.Shaw, R Freer, McElhone, Cllr Singh, A Macchi arrived 6.45pm, Pickard arrived 6.50pm
Other: Mrs D.Clay, Mrs M.Wrigley, Mr G.Day, Mrs Ruby Chambers. Mrs Kulwinder Kaur.
Apologies Town Cllrs Vickers and Wright
Chairman Cllr. Clews
Clerk Mrs Sally Oldham

Cllr.Clews opened the meeting by welcoming all the attendees.
1) TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 5TH MAY 2011
The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

2/ PRESENTATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT.
Cllr. Clews presented the Annual Report of the Town Council and read out her Chairman's Report. It was noted that a Big Lottery Award of £10,000 had been given to the Town Council for work due to take place at the Old Allotment Gardens off Sheepy Road.

3/ ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Mrs Clay asked if there could be a camera in Welcome Street. Access to the street had been blocked off by the police only today after a car had been broken into. Also Mrs Clay asked if Cllr Shaw and Cllr Fox could look into resident parking in Welcome Street. Cllr Shaw said the best place to raise the matter was at the next Forum meeting due in two months time. Cllr Fox said that resident only parking will only work if the residents will contribute to the upkeep of the road. Cllr R Freer said that road users cannot be stopped if they pay road tax unless it is a danger to the public. Permit schemes run in London but who would police it locally? Cllr Fox stated that decriminalisation in North Warwickshire was due next year.
Mrs Clay was also advised to ask North Warwickshire Borough Council about the garage problem and perhaps ask NWBC to install a Wifi camera linked to the monitoring system.
Mrs Wrigley reported that a lorry had failed to correctly negotiate the area near the corner of Dudley Street and Stafford Street and had broken a BT plate. Warning signs had been put up but the lorry had not reported the incident. Due to parking near the corner it is a problem especially for emergency services and refuse lorries to get through. Cllr R Freer said that it was a police matter as obstruction is a road traffic offence.
A noise problem in Erdington Road was noted which was an environmental matter to be pursued through North Warwickshire Borough Council.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm