

South Mimms Parish Council

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday **5th March 2009** at 7.30pm in South Mimms Village Hall.

Present: Councillor Ian Dempster - Chairman
Councillors Paul Binstead, Kevin Solly and Kenneth Swayne

Ms B M Levy Interim Clerk
20 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Yvonne Harverson, Borough Councillors Rosemary Gilligan and Peter Wayne and County Councillor John Usher

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented his Report. He gave details of the activities of the Parish Council during the first year since it was created and thanked the other Councillors. for their support. He also thanked the members of the public for their regular attendance, and the Interim Clerk for her assistance.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The following matters were raised and discussed:

Reference was made to the problem of car parking throughout the area but particularly by the school. Hertsmere's Crime Reduction Group was dealing with the school issue and after some discussion it was agreed that parked cars provided a form of traffic calming. The Chairman reported that the Village Hall Management Committee had requested assistance with the provision of additional car parking.

A note from the Headteacher which had been included in the school's newsletter had had a small impact on the parking problem and the walking bus took 5-10 cars off the road but it was felt that a greater presence from the PCSO was required.

It was reported that traffic was going the wrong way around the island in Blanche Lane and the signage on the road needed improving.

It was also felt that NIBSC (Cancer Research) was getting too big and generating its own traffic problems, as would the new composting site at Redwell Wood Farm.

A member of the public asked whether the scheme to improve Greyhound Lane would include road widening. This was unlikely but the Parish Council would request sight of the plans for the proposal.

Reference was also made to dog fouling on the Glebeland. It was felt that the wild area by the playground should not be there as dogs went into it and could not be seen Hertsmere's Park Section would be asked to investigate.

Finally reference was made to hedges overhanging the footways in Blackhorse Lane. The County Council would be asked to look into this.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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Chairman.....