

Teversham Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2011 at
Teversham Primary School

Present: Chairman Simon Martin. Parish Councillors Frances Amrani, James Dolan, Liz Freeman, David Kelleway, Denise Kelleway, Kevin McIntyre, Michael Nicholson, Nick Tucker and Lup Yau. County Councillor Nick Clarke, District Councillor Caroline Hunt, Elizabeth Jenkin, Headteacher, members of Teversham Youth Group and members of Teversham Colts along with Parishioners.

1. After a brief welcome and introduction by the Chair, the meeting opened.
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th May 2010 were confirmed.

3. Police Report

The Chairman read from a report submitted by PCSO James Lynch. (copy attached in file)

4. Chairman's Report

Councillor Martin gave a detailed report about the work carried out by the Parish Council in the last twelve months. These included the updating of the Standing Orders and implementation of the Risk Management Policy.

Councillor Martin also reported on grass cutting, the proposed village hall and the various highways issues. He thanked PCSO John Coppard for his work and thanked the litter pickers for their continued hard work, especially the cleaning of Graffiti.

Thanks were expressed to Borley Brothers for their support and to Frances Amrani for her work whilst District Councillor. Councillor Martin also gave congratulations to County Councillor Nick Clarke, newly elected leader of the County Council and to District Councillor Hunt on her re-election on 5th May 2011.

Councillor Martin also explained that funding was available for a 'Public Art Project' and Councillor Martin thanked everyone for their assistance during his time as Chairman.

Parishioners were then given the opportunity to ask questions.

Mr Wakeling thanked Councillor Martin for this work as Chairman.

5. Report from County Councillor Nick Clarke

County Councillor Clarke gave a verbal report (copy attached in file), confirming his recent election as Leader and issues affecting the County as a whole.

Questions from Parishioners concerned the cuts to the day care provision at Home Close.

County Councillor Clarke left the meeting at 8pm.

6. Parish Plan - The Future

Councillor Dave Kelleway gave a presentation about the plan of the Parish Council to create a Parish Plan. This should be driven by the village to establish what Teversham wants and needs are and if they are achievable. Parishioners were encouraged to come forward to get involved. A working party has been set up to be Chaired by Councillor Dolan and parishioners were asked to give the Clerk their contact details at the end of the meeting if they are interested in getting involved.

There was one question, about the planning permission at the recreation ground car park. It was confirmed that this has lapsed as it became clear that due to the success of the football club, taking the parking away was not viable.

7. Financial Statement

The Clerk gave a brief report about the financial statement for period ending 31st March 2010. There were no questions.

8. Parish Reports

i. Teversham C of E Primary School

Elizabeth Jenkin, Headteacher gave a very interesting report, about the continued strong links between the school and the church and wider community. Mrs Jenkin also expressed concerns about the changes coming from the 'top' and the financial pressures this puts onto the school. Teversham should be very proud of their school and is thankful for the support given by Marshall's. The School is very excited to be planning their 150th Anniversary celebrations for October.

iii. Teversham Colts

Trevor Ball could not be present, but had submitted a short report from which Councillor Martin read. There were no questions.

iv. Teversham Youth Group

Some members of the Youth Group gave a report confirming that the group still meets outside at Borley Way during the summer months and a trial to use the school during the winter last year had gone well, despite low attendance. The connections bus still visits the village fortnightly, and the group have funding until the end of this term. Brigid Malone has taken more of a back seat, with Denise Cole and Christine Hinch taking on more responsibility. The Group thanked Brigid for all of her work with the group since its inception in 2002 and to Cambridge Housing and the Parish Council for helping with funding.

10. Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor

Councillor Amrani gave a report, summing up issues dealt with over the last year, and confirmed it had been a privilege to serve as Teversham's District Councillor for the last two and a half years. She reported on the success of the blue bin's, boundary review and the continued issues concerning Teversham Foxgloves. Councillor Amrani summed up by wishing District Councillor Hunt well in her new role.

District Councillor Hunt then addressed the meeting, confirming that she is looking forward to representing Teversham. She reported that there are no plans to re-open the Marshall's relocation debate and as Councillor Amrani had already reported, the Boundary Review is still on-going. She gave a brief financial overview and outlined South Cambridgeshire District Council's goals for the coming year.

Councillor Dave Kelleway congratulated District Councillor Hunt on her election and raised a question about the boundary review.

11. Open Forum

Mr Wakeling raised concerns about the Church not being represented at the meeting and low attendance. He thanked Mrs Jenkin for the schools support with the suppers and Borley Brothers for their help with the churchyard extension. He also mentioned the garden party later in the year.

Councillor Martin thanked everyone for attending and the Parish Council were thanked for their work. The meeting closed at 8.45pm.