

Minutes of the meeting of the Watton-at-Stone Parish Council held in the Community Hall on Wednesday 11th January 2006

Present:	Mr. N. Poulton (Chairman)	Mr. J. Meischke (Vice-Chairman)
	Mr. C. Clark	Mrs. C. Dinnin
	Mr. V. Dunhill	Mr. D. Filer
	Mr. I. Knight	Mrs. H. McCash
	Mr. M. Smith	Mr. D. Stock
	The Clerk (Mrs. J. Allsop)	
Police:	PC Andy Woodward (until 1935)	PCSO Paul Weston (until 1935)

1 Apologies for absence

None.

2 Public Participation

None.

3 Declaration of Interests

None.

4 Chairman's/Clerk's Report

Mr. Poulton reported on the following items.

• **Community Hall Trustees meeting**

The Community Hall Trustees meeting due to be held on 10th January was cancelled and is rescheduled for 18th January 2006.

• **Vandalism to locks**

During the Christmas period the locks on the external toilet doors were vandalised and will not open. Also, one of the locks on the Great Innings notice board has been vandalised.

Mr. Poulton contacted a locksmith (Lock Stock and Barrell Security Service Limited) and they have agreed to come out on Thursday 19th January, at 1630, to repair the damaged locks.

PC Andy Woodward agreed to report both crimes.

Action: PC Woodward

Note: Directly following this meeting, PC Andy Woodward e-mailed Mr. Poulton as follows.

'My thanks to you for another positive meeting. I have crimed up the damage to the locks to the toilets and the notice board and the crime numbers are A6/06/21 and A6/06/22.

I will print up an amended batch of warning letters next week and then begin issuing them around the Hazeldell area and any other vehicles I notice in the village.'

5 Report from P C Andy Woodward re policing matters

Mr. Poulton welcomed PC Andy Woodward and PCSO Paul Weston and then invited them to report on policing matters involving the village.

PC Andy Woodward said that to date, the reported crime-figures for last year totalled 147 compared with 149 for the same period last year.

There were 18 burglaries or attempted burglaries. Watton-at-Stone Primary and Nursery School had five break-ins between September and October 2005. The first two were very costly to the school because computer systems were stolen. Also, over the Christmas period there was an attempted break-in.

At the East Herts Locality Policing Panel meeting held on Tuesday 29th November, four main priorities were identified, namely:

- anti-social behaviour
- traffic, mainly speeding
- burglary
- off-roading.

Mrs. McCash asked what could be done about the speeding in Station Road. PC Woodward said that although the results of a recent speed-survey did not warrant the allocation of a speed van to this area, he would use the hand-held speed gun whenever he is able to do so.

In response to the Parish Councillors concerns over parking problems within the village, PC Woodward e-mailed them as follows.

'I have just received your letter on behalf of the parish council with regard to vehicles parking on pavements in Watton-at-Stone. I would be happy to issue either Fixed Penalty Notices or notes to vehicles which persist in doing this. I did something similar for vehicles parking on pavements around the green in Tewin a few months back and it seemed to work quite well. If any of the Parish Councillors know of any vehicles in particular that I should be keeping my eyes open for then please let me know. I will be attending the parish council on 11th Jan so see you then!'

It was agreed that if someone is parking incorrectly they should be given a police warning-notice first and on any subsequent occasion be issued with a fixed penalty notices.

PC Woodward will let the Parish Council know when he has issued police warning-notices in the village so that the situation can be monitored. If the problem still persists after two weeks, he should be contacted accordingly.

Mr. Poulton told PC Woodward that Circle Anglia (formerly known as Stort Valley Housing Association) is donating £8,000 towards the Great Innings play area improvements. East Herts Council is waiting to see what money is available from the police before they fund the remaining cost of the project.

PC Woodward said that Jill Dockely (Hertfordshire Constabulary) is arranging Neighbourhood Watch meetings in early spring and would like the help of the Parish Council and the Police in promoting the scheme in Watton-at-Stone.

PCSO Weston suggested that a notice be placed in the Parish News advertising an open meeting to see how Neighbourhood Watch is going to work in the village. Hopefully volunteers will come forward from that meeting to help coordinate the scheme.

The Parish Council agreed that the Community Hall facilities be made available for the meeting, free of charge.

PCSO Weston to arrange the date of the open meeting with Jill Dockley and arrange for an advert to be placed in the Parish News.

Action: PCSO Weston

PC Woodward and PCSO Weston left the meeting.

6 Minutes of the last meeting

a) Acceptance

- **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th December 2005**

Mrs. McCash proposed that the minutes be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Mrs. Dinnin seconded the motion and all present at that meeting were in favour.

b) Review of actions

- **Display Police Local Ward Constable posters on notice boards:** Completed.
- **Attach kicker-board post to kicker-board:** Outstanding. **Action: I. Knight**
- **Ask Raj Goutam to obtain additional street-lighting quotations for Lammas Road**
Refer to item 8 a, Lammas Road street lighting (on page 4 of these minutes).
- **Visit Watton Green re replacing the missing wooden-rail barrier:** Completed.
Mr. Poulton thanked Mr. Smith for replacing the missing barrier in his absence.
- **Write to PC Andy Woodward about parked vehicles blocking wheelchair/pedestrian access:**
Completed.
- **E-mail all Parish Councillors with report on the EH Locality Policing Panel meeting:** Completed.
- **Put Police newsletter on circulation:** Completed.
- **Write to Raj Goutam (Hertfordshire Highways) re salt bin for Beane Road**
Mr. Knight e-mailed Raj Goutam on 3rd January but had received no response.
- **Write to all contractors who submitted quotations for work in 2006/07:** Completed.
- **Renewal of SLCC membership:** Completed.
- **Arrange for the Sunday Football Club to sign a copy of the key-holder agreement:**
Outstanding. **Action: I. Knight**
- **Chose a type of plastic guttering for the Community Hall**
Mr. Meischke and Mr. Poulton have chosen a deep flow, cast-iron-style, plastic guttering in keeping with the existing cast-iron down pipes. The guttering will cost approximately £50 more than the £490 verbal quote from Mr. Bunyan.

- **Instruct Mr. Bunyan to purchase and fit the plastic guttering**
The new plastic guttering is to be fitted during the week commencing 16th January.
- **Visit both the Kick-Boxing and Jujitsu classes re Main Hall flooring**
Mr. Meischke to report on this item during the next meeting of the Community Hall Trustees.
- **Write to Raj Goutam (Hertfordshire Highways) requesting a site-meeting at Walkern Road**
Mr. Knight e-mailed Raj Goutam on 3rd January, but a date for a site meeting has not yet been set.
This item to be placed on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting in February. **Agenda: Env**
- **Inspect the War Memorial site and purchase any additional pebbles/gravel required:**
Outstanding. **Action: N. Poulton/C. Dinnin**
- **E-mail Trevor Waldock re stump in the ground behind netball area at Great Innings:** Completed.
- **Inspect items identified in the annual inspection of the play area and take any action required:**
Outstanding. **Action: N. Poulton/J. Meischke**
- **E-mail Parish Councillors our response to the Police Force Restructure questionnaire:** Completed.
- **Write to East Herts Council re use of Community Hall for 2006 Summer Playscheme:** Completed.
- **Write Parish News article:** Completed.

c) Action points outstanding for more than two months

None.

7 Planning

a) Applications

- i) Blue Hill Farm, High Elms Lane

Erection of new house and garage

Mr. Knight said that he had made the plans for this application available to the neighbouring residents.

Mr. Poulton read copies of the letters of objection received from Mrs. Stanley, Mr. & Mrs. Rain and Mr. & Mrs. Vosper, of numbers 1, 2 and 4 Blue Hill Farm Cottages, respectively.

Parish Councillors studied the plans and after lengthy discussion agreed to write to the planning department informing them that the Parish Council is concerned about the following issues.

- The proposed building appears to be larger than the original footprint.
- The inclusion of balconies was refused in other applications at Blue Hill Farm and therefore should not be approved (or included) in this application because it would be inconsistent with decisions previously taken on the adjacent neighbouring properties. Also, the inclusion of balconies would not be in keeping with the style of the adjacent properties.
- The garage plans show that there is potential for a dwelling in that there is an upstairs room with dormer-windows in the roof space. The building could easily be converted into a two-storey dwelling in the future.
- The foul-drainage system should comply with the standards set down by the local authority and the water board.
- We understand that there is asbestos in the barn that requires demolishing. We trust that the asbestos will be handled and disposed of in accordance with current health and safety standards.

The Clerk to act accordingly and send copies to Mrs. Stanley Mr. & Mrs. Rain and Mr. and Mrs. Vosper.

Action: J. Allsop

b) Decisions

None.

Mr. Stock said that following our meeting in December 2005, he visited 31 Hazeldell and explained the Parish Council's position with regard to the recent refusal of the resident's planning application by East Herts Council.

The resident was not aware of the Parish Council's involvement in the process and was very pleased that we had taken such an interest and thanked us accordingly.

Mr. Stock said that we should note, for future reference, that one of the reasons for the refusal concerned off-street parking. Apparently, a property of that size must be able to accommodate two vehicles, e.g. one in the garage and one on the drive. Any vehicle parked on the drive/entry to the property does not count as it is not private property.

8 Specific items

a) Lammas Road street lighting

Raj Goutam (Hertfordshire Highways) has now obtained a detailed quotation of £8320 (including VAT) to install 4 new lamp-columns and change the lanterns on the two existing columns in Lammas Road.

Mr. Poulton said that this was very disappointing because during initial enquiries we were told that the cost of the work would be approximately £3,800. At the site meeting in Lammas Road this figure rose to £4,200 and then to £5,500 (excluding VAT). At that time, the Parish Council agreed that if grants of £4,000 could be obtained, they would fund the remaining £1,500.

Mr. Poulton said that Raj Goutam had instructed Dave Jackson (Hertfordshire Highways) to obtain the names of alternative lighting contractors. However, if we use an alternative lighting contractor, a licence fee of approximately £1150 will apply. Furthermore, appointing our own contractor to install the lights may result in the HCC Street Lighting Department not adopting these lights.

Because of the increased costs, it was agreed that the Parish Council cannot afford to pursue the installation of lighting in Lammas Road.

Mr. Poulton to keep the Parish Council updated.

Agenda: 02/06

b) Meeting dates for the Civic Year 2006/2007

Mr. Filer said that he asked for this item to be placed on the agenda because some Parish Council meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday in the month are on, or very close to, the deadline date for the Parish News [i.e. the 14th of every month (except in August)]. Last month he had sent his report to the Clerk on the evening of 16th, for forwarding to the Parish News. The Clerk was out that evening and did not forward the report until the morning and the following response was received from Rodney Ranzetta.

‘We are normally strict on deadlines these days, because of the extra stress on David Elson if he has to try to fit an item in at the last moment (also we have found it can lead to items disappearing off the end of the page!). Luckily, David is still in the process of compiling the Parish News, so it should be possible to put this in, but we can't guarantee always being so flexible after the deadline!’

Subsequently Rodney Ranzetta has told the Clerk that they could accommodate the Parish Council providing they are made aware of all meetings that are on or close to the deadline date.

Mr. Filer suggested that the Parish Council meetings should be changed to the first Wednesday of the month. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk sends Parish Councillors a list of all the Wednesdays in the Civic Year 2006/07 so they can fill in the dates on which they cannot attend.

Action: J. Allsop

Inform the Clerk of availability for meetings during the Civic Year 2006/07.

Action: Parish Councillors

c) Litter bin on Watton Green

East Herts Council has informed Mr. Poulton that because Watton Green is privately owned (i.e. by the Parish Council) it cannot replace the litterbin during this financial year. However, they may be able to do so in the next financial year.

This item to be deferred until May 2006. If East Herts Council is still unable to install a replacement bin, we will.

Agenda: 05/06

Mr. Filer said that prior to its disappearance, the refuse collectors had been emptying the bin at Watton Green. When it is replaced, Mr. Filer said he would empty the bin if the refuse collectors failed to do so.

d) Great Innings play area improvement

Mr. Poulton said that he had nothing further to report on this item, but would keep the Parish Council updated.

9 Reports

a) Sub-Committees

Budget & Finance

Mr. Filer reported on the following items concerning the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee.

- **9-monthly statement of accounts for the Parish Council and Community Hall**

Prior to the meeting, all Parish Councillors were given a copy of the 9-monthly statement of accounts for the period ending the 31st December 2005.

Mr. Filer went through the expenditure and income figures.

- **Closing of the Co-operative Bank accounts**

The Watton-at-Stone Parish Council's 14-day and current accounts with the Co-operative Bank have been closed.

However, the Community Hall's 14-day and current accounts with the Co-operative Bank have remained open while several direct debit mandates were changed to our new bank account. The Clerk said that the accounts can now be closed and the funds transferred to the Alliance and Leicester. Because the Alliance and Leicester transfer-forms to close these accounts were signed earlier last year, new ones need completing.

Mr. Filer proposed that the new forms be completed and signed by Mr. Poulton, Mr. Knight and himself and then sent to the Alliance and Leicester. Mrs. McCash seconded the motion and all present were in favour.

The Clerk to act accordingly.

Action: J. Allsop

Community Hall Trustees

The next Community Hall Trustees meeting is on Wednesday 18th January.

Recreation & Amenities

Mr. Knight reported on the following items concerning the Recreation & Amenities Sub-Committee.

- **Sportsfield Maintenance**
The Sports and Social Club has been informed of the funds available from the Parish Council for the sportsfield 'pitch' maintenance during 2006/07.
- **Boot-scraper**
Mr. Knight would like to look at the feasibility of purchasing a boot-bath (instead of just a larger boot-scraper) to alleviate the problem of mud in the changing rooms. This was agreed. **Action: I. Knight**
- **Additional Tennis Court**
No progress had been made since his last report.

Environment

Mrs. Dinnin reported on the following items concerning the Environment Sub-Committee.

- **Interpretation Boards for the Lammas – update**
Mr. Smith is waiting until the ground is hard enough for him to take his machinery onto the Lammas to install the boards.
- **Lammas Awards-for-All grant**
Mrs. Dinnin is to complete and return the Awards for All end-of-grant report for the clearing and improvement work done on the Lammas. Photographs are to be included to give an idea of the work undertaken. She will also inform them that the Interpretation Boards have been made and are awaiting installation. **Action: C. Dinnin**
- **Cottage site**
Mrs. Dinnin had spoken to Sue Jarczewski (the Countryside Management Service) about a site meeting to discuss the maintenance and improvement of the Cottage site.
Arrange a site meeting with Sue Jarczewski on 17th February 2006 at 1430. **Action: C. Dinnin**

b) Sportsfield

i) Report

Mr. Clark did the sportsfield report on the 8th January 2006, the result of which is as follows.

- **Sportsfield:**

Condition of grass	OK.	
Litter	None.	
Dog fouling	OK.	
General	Waste bin by bench needs attention and fence opposite School Cottage and along Church Walk.	
- **Children's Play Area:**

Condition of surface	OK.	
Litter/Litterbin	OK.	
Large swings	OK.	
Small swings	OK.	
See-Saw	OK.	
Rainbow multi-play and slide	OK.	
Two spring sit-on	OK.	
Teen shelter	OK.	
General	OK.	
- **Bike ramps area:**

Junior Jump	OK }	Appeared unused.
Double Ramp	OK }	Waste bin pole at severe angle.
Fun Box	OK }	Needs repositioning.

- **Community Hall:**
 - General Condition (Exterior) OK – windows dirty.
 - Litterbin In use.
 - Car Park OK.
 - General More litter than usual.
- **Multi-Purpose Play Area:**
 - Surface Clean and tidy.
 - Boundary Fencing OK.
 - Tennis nets Up and OK.
 - Litter OK.
 - General Good for time of year.
- **Great Innings Play Area:**
 - Equipment OK.
 - Surfaces OK.
 - Litter OK.
 - Dog fouling None.
 - Comments Wooded area next to basketball area in use and very
- **Allotments Area:**
 - Access Good.
 - Condition of paths between Allotments Good
 - Condition of Allotments under cultivation Good.
 - Condition of Allotments not under cultivation OK.
 - Litter OK.
 - Comments Good.
- **Culverts on Mill Lane**
 - Litter and rubbish in and around Culverts A little.
 - Dog-fouling None.
 - Comments None.
- **Salt bins**
 - Perrywood Lane OK - full.
 - Entrance to Great Innings OK - full.
 - Great Innings South – outside number 93 OK - full.
 - Station Road OK - full.
 - Moorymead Close (2) OK - full, one is two thirds full.
 - Hazeldell OK - full.
 - Footpath 17 OK - full.
- **Dog-waste bins**
 - Footpath 17 Full.
 - Sportsfield Full.
 - Church Walk Full.
 - Walkern Road In use.
 - Station Road Full– no lid.
 - High Street (by Memorial) In use – no lid.
 - Great Innings Full.
 - Mill Lane Full.
 - Opposite 5 School Lane In use.
- **War Memorial**
 - General Comments OK.
- **Ornate Village Sign**
 - General Comments OK – some litter.
- **General**
 - Left litter dangerous on footpath 17 and Station Road.
 - Generally more litter than usual.
- **Cricket fence along School Lane and Church Walk**
 - The wire fence in the hedge is a hazard and should be removed. Mr. Clark was informed that the wire fence is to prevent cricket balls from going onto School Lane and Church Walk.
 - The Cricket Club be asked to repair the wire fence as soon as possible. **Action: I. Knight**
- **Community Hall windows**
 - Arrange for the Community Hall windows to be cleaned. **Action: J. Allsop**

- **Dog-waste bins**
East Herts Council to be informed that the dog-waste bins need emptying.
Trevor Waldoock (East Herts Council) to be e-mailed accordingly. **Action: J. Allsop**
- **Excess leaves**
The leaves in Station Road were cleared today.
- ii) **Weekly report and action**
There was nothing to report from Ted Brown's weekly inspections.

10 Correspondence received

a) East Herts Council: litterpicking payment

East Herts Council wrote on 15th December 2005 to inform us that our litterpick payment of £524.16 was due. A cheque for this amount has now been received (see item 13, Accounts, Watton-at-Stone – Cheques received, on page 8 of these minutes).

b) Bramfield Parish Council: Inter Parish conference to be held on 14th February 2006

Bramfield Parish Council wrote on 30th December to inform us that the Inter Parish Conference is to be held on 14th February 2006, at 1845 for 1930, in the Village Hall (Bury Lane, Bramfield).

Topics for discussion are.

- Future developments at Stansted Airport. - Senior management from Stansted Airport Limited has been invited to explain strategies for the development of the airport.
- Green Belt Policy - East Herts Planning Officers have been invited to explain future developments in Green Belt Policy.

Mr. Meischke and Mr. Clark agreed to attend the conference.

The Clerk to notify Bramfield Parish Council accordingly.

Action: J. Allsop

The Clerk to e-mail Mr. Meischke and Mr. Clark with a copy of Bramfield Parish Council's letter.

Action: J. Allsop

c) Cliff Bishop re Stop Stansted expansion: request for financial support

Mr. Poulton read out a letter (dated 3rd January) from Mr. Cliff Bishop of Bishop's Stortford.

'I was recently passing through your village and stopped at a local shop. I was having a look at your notice board and I noticed item 9d) on the agenda for your meeting of 14th December 2005. "Stop Stansted Expansion, request for financial support"

The hypocrisy of this organisation knows no bounds and your council should look much wider in this world than this organisation's agenda. I will enlighten you.

Your council may/or may not know that there is a proposal to build a second runway at Luton airport. This proposal has the full backing of Stop Stansted Expansion who hope it will stop the need for a second runway at Stansted. This plan if implemented would, Stop Stansted say, make Luton as big as Heathrow.

You should be warned that this plan has much graver implications for the area around your village than has any of the plans for Stansted. The landing approach to the existing runway at Luton brings aircraft low over Stevenage and the new proposed runway will be about one mile south of the existing runway and the threshold will be replaced to the east, bringing the aircraft even lower over South Stevenage, when turning in to the approach funnel they will be coming over your local area. The new runway is going to be up to full international standards capable of handling the latest and biggest aircraft.

I enclose a map showing what I have outlined. I feel you should show this to your Councillors. I do not see how they can give your taxpayers money away to an organisation which is dedicated to spending it to make a more comfortable life for themselves at the expense of your taxpayers environment.

PS I wanted to send a copy of this letter to your MP but am not sure if you come under Stevenage or East Herts. Perhaps you can tell me.'

It was agreed to respond to Mr. Bishop as follows.

'Many thanks for your letter of 3rd January with enclosures.

I note that you saw on our December agenda "Stop Stansted Expansion request for financial support".

Letters received by the Parish Council are debated at our meetings hence this item was on our agenda.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed that it would not support any funding to this organisation and I am enclosing an extract from our minute to this effect.

I thank you for drawing to our attention the problems with the proposed expansion of Luton Airport. Watton at Stone Parish Council is fully aware of the options for this airport and will strongly oppose any plans that will adversely effect the environment and residents of our village

As you say in your letter an expansion at this airport will have graver implications than any expansion at Stansted.

Our Chairman is also our District Council representative on East Herts Council and he together with other members of that Council will also be objecting to any proposals to expand Luton airport.

Oliver Heald is the MP covering Watton-at-Stone and he can be contacted at the House of Commons (London SW1A 0AA).

Thank you for taking the time to write.'

The Clerk to act accordingly.

Action: J. Allsop

d) HCC: footpath between Rivershill and High Street

The following letter, dated 5th January, was received from Sean Hanratty (Definitive Map Officer at HCC).

'Thank you for your letter dated 12th December 2005. It is still likely to be a number of years before this case is investigated, as a number of new cases have scored higher and will be investigated before this case.

I would reiterate that if the current landowner is willing to dedicate, we would be happy to consider such a proposal. If you require any further information, please feel free to call me.'

e) East Herts Council: summer playschemes 2006

Mr. Poulton read out a letter, dated 5th January, from Jo Rodwell (Play Officer at East Herts Council), giving us the proposed dates for the 2006 summer playscheme. However, the dates are Monday 31st July to Friday 25th July inclusive, which is obviously incorrect. She also enclosed a contact information-sheet for completion and return. Mr. Meischke agreed to be the Parish Council contact.

The Clerk to contact Jo Rodwell to obtain the correct dates for the Summer Playscheme and complete and return the contact information sheet.

Action: J. Allsop

f) HCC: Minerals & Waste Development Framework

Mr. Poulton said he had read through this document and the nearest minerals/waste site to Watton-at-Stone is at Wadesmill and this is already in use.

This item to be put on circulation.

Action: J. Allsop

11 Reports from other Organisations

- **Closure of station Road end of Church Lane (locally known as Clapper Lane)**

This section of road is currently closed while work is being done to the railway bridge.

It was agreed to contact Raj Goutam at Hertfordshire Highways asking him to arrange for the pot holes in this area to be repaired while the road is closed.

Action: J. Allsop

12 Items for Parish News

None.

13 Accounts

Watton-at-Stone Parish Council

Petty Cash

Receipts

None

Payments

None

Cheques required

Ted Brown	32 hours litterpicking	208.00
N. Poulton	Whiskey for Paul Borlase	10.84
SLCC	Annual subscription	93.00
D. R. Monk	Leaf clearance work	100.00
D. R. Monk	Flowerbed maintenance from 01.10.05 to 31.12.05	80.00
D. R. Monk	War Memorial garden maintenance from 01.10.05 to 31.12.05	50.00
Allotment & Garden Assoc.	Insurance cover for allotment holders	82.95
Post Office	Inland Revenue payment for Tax and NI contributions	177.78
HCC	Envelopes and 150 black sacks	17.26
St. Albans Diocesan Board	Allotment rent – half year	300.00
J. Allsop	December salary	545.01
J. Allsop	Phone calls to 03/01/06	25.00
		<u>1689.84</u>

Cheques received

East Herts Council	Litterpick ½ year payment	524.16
		<u>524.16</u>

Watton-at-Stone Community Hall

Petty Cash

Receipts

Jim Keen – Main Hall	30.00
Floodlighting to 14.12.2005	200.00
Ann Hodge – Pavilion hire	20.00
Gill Gilbey – Main Hall hire	30.00
John Murphy – Main Hall	<u>24.00</u>
	<u>304.00</u>

Payments

Cleaning materials	11.70
Banked	<u>224.43</u>
	<u>236.13</u>

Cheques required

J. Phillips	Opening toilets	39.00
Rosemary Brown	24 hours cleaning	<u>144.00</u>
		<u>183.00</u>

Cheques received

Maurice Gordon	Pavilion hire	<u>7.00</u>
		<u>7.00</u>

Mrs. McCash proposed that the Parish Council approve the above payments, Mr. Smith seconded the motion, and all present were in favour.

- **The meeting closed at 2100.**
- **The date for the next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 8th February 2006.**