

LANEHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 13th May, 2002 in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs R. Whate, (Chairman), Councillors Mrs B. Barber, Mrs. A. Clark, P. Beresford, F. Clark, J. Cobb and L. Sinclair. 2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

County Councillor J. Hemsall.

2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 14.5.01

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr. F. Clark proposed and Cllr. P. Beresford seconded that they were a correct record of the meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman stated it had been another busy year. 13 Parish Council meetings had been held, including extra planning and Code of Conduct meetings. 9 planning applications had been approved by the council, 3 of which had been refused by BDC. There had been two guest speakers, a representative of Cottam Power Station and Mr. Gilfoyle of the Police Authority. Councillors had also attended various other meetings. The precept has been kept within the guidelines and several local organisations had received financial help – Scouts, village hall, CAB, the Church, and the Jubilee fund. A village appraisal had been conducted regarding the reopening of a post office. The Chairman stated Parish Councils can make a difference i.e. BDC have now overturned their decision to stop bulky waste collections after so much opposition from local parish councils.

The Chairman thanked the following for all their help and support over the past year – Lynda Ogilvie of NALC, Dist. Cllr Daniel Yates, County Councillor John Hemsall, Cllr. Sinclair for his assistance as vice-chairman, all the councillors, the Clerk, the Caretaker of the Public Conveniences, the footpath sweeper and everyone who had helped with the grass cutting and planting of flower troughs.

The first full election for a number of years had taken place with a 54.4% turn out, which was very good. The Chairman was sorry that Janet Sampson had lost her place on the council, but welcomed Andrina Clark to the council and thanked John Hardman for making it such a good contest. Finally, the Chairman thanked all parishioners, who had voted,

5. ANY OTHER REPORTS

Cllr. Beresford gave a report on the Village Hall. The hall was being fully utilised, as well as for Parish Council meetings it was regularly used by Cubs, Table Tennis club, Old Peoples Clubs, Craft Group, parties, functions etc. However, it now appears that the time has come to think of a larger village hall, either by extending this one or building a new one. Hall Chairman, John Whate stated that everything must be carefully considered when making plans for a new hall, it must be made as practical as possible i.e. consider what facilities are needed by those that use it. The hall is financially viable at the moment costs are being covered by the lettings – just. Some maintenance will be needed shortly so now is the time to consider changes.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Mrs. Barber expressed a wish that more people would attend meetings so they were aware of what is going on.

Vice-Chairman Cllr Sinclair thanked Cllr. Mrs. Whate for her work as Chairman over the past year.

There was no other matters raised and the Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7.12 p.m.

A break was then taken and coffee served by Cllr. Mrs. Clark before the Annual Parish Council meeting commenced.