

**Minutes of the fifteenth Annual Assembly of Gorefield Parish Council held at
Gorefield School on Tuesday 7th April 2009**

Present: Councillors Humphrey (Chairman) Davall, Carroll, Holt, Cooke and Mrs Hunns

Natalie Rowlands and PC Coales

Mr & Mrs Harvey

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Hall

Minutes of last Annual Assembly were confirmed and signed

Chairman's Report

I begin with a brief look back at last years Chairman's report to the Annual Assembly.

The growth of the village continues with the Oxfield Drive development by Twigden's nearing completion. Permission exists for another 14 homes off High Road / West End although this development has some way to go.

The Parish Council has acted on some of the point's raised in the Parish Plan action plan and will continue to monitor progress and delivery.

Village 'Welcome Pack' has been distributed to each household in the Parish providing contact details and useful information about the village community.

The Council still has concerns about vehicle speeds through the village along with the parking problems associated with the Oxfield Drive development

Preliminary discussions are ongoing about the Parish Council becoming Custodian Trustees of the playing field.

During the year the local pub been closed for some time and had several landlords but hopefully will soon be able to accommodate the Luncheon Club again.

The Parish Council provided the Christmas tree and lights at the Church again this year and while a permanent tree has now been planted a larger tree, supplied free of charge, by Baytree Nurseries was used.

This year we welcomed Natalie Rowland as our FDC Liason Officer

During the year we have seen the replacement of the footbridge at Chapel lane.
We have maintained a low Precept
We have joined the Village Voices Newsletter bringing news and information to 8 villages and hamlets in our locality. The Parish Council will have the opportunity of a quarterly Newsletter in that publication.

As a Council we continue to have concerns about:

Speeding
Highway matters
Play equipment
Planning and enforcement

As a Council we continue

- To be consulted on all planning applications and make comments and observations as appropriate.
- To administer our Parish affairs and finances and were able to keep our Parish precept increase to a minimum.
- To comment on all matters concerning the Parish at District and County levels

Thanks must go to PC Coales for her work in the community and her regular attendance at our meetings.

Natalie Rowland our FDC Liason contact whose has followed on from John Dubber and kept the Council informed of FDC issues on a regular basis as well as following up local problems on our behalf.

My thanks must go to all the members of the Council for their input and involvement during the year.

A special thank you to those of you who have attended any meetings, seminars or presentations for or on behalf of the Council.

Finally special thanks to our Clerk, Rosemary, for all her hard work and dedication during the year.

Financial Statement

See attached

Meeting closed followed by Parish Council meeting