

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting  
held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007  
At 7.30 pm  
in the Village Hall, Warmington

1. **ATTENDANCE** : Mr D Rowell, Mr T Helstrip, Mr N Donaldson, Mr D Short, Mr C Ellard, Mr I Cutler, Mrs I Ellard, Mr V Cooper, Mr I Middleton, Mr J Owen and Mr P Bolman
2. **APOLOGIES** : Apologies were received from Mr G Reid, Mrs J Simpson and Mr M Dixon.
3. **APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2006.** Mr Short proposed and Mr Cooper seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of events. AIF.
4. **PROJECT TO CREATE A MURAL ON THE UNDERPASS AT EAGLETHORPE**  
Mr Ellard reported that this project was originally suggested by a Parishioner. Funding has now been obtained, £1,000 from Elton Estates and £1,000 from East Northamptonshire Council. The project was introduced to the youth at a meeting on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May and leaflets were distributed. Mr Ellard stressed that this is a community project and it is hoped that many people will become involved. The services of an experienced mural artist have been obtained. He lives locally and has local connections. Mr Ellard has spoken to the staff at Prince William School about the project, but it may be that some of the older students are either away or working over the summer holidays. The Primary School have an art week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> July and it may be possible to incorporate some of their work. Work is to commence the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> August. There will be some preparation beforehand, the extent of which will depend upon who and how many volunteer and the ideas put forward. The next step will be to hold an information evening and this is scheduled for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June in the Social Club.  
Mr Ellard anticipates that the plans for what is to be painted will be in place by 20<sup>th</sup> July. He welcomed any suggestions as to themes and circulated information slips.  
Mr Cooper asked about the extent of the mural. Mr Ellard commented that Mrs Clapp had suggested painting a red kite on the ceiling. The walls will probably be painted leaving 40/50 cms at the bottom.  
Anti graffiti paint will most likely be used as a matter of course. Mr Ellard still has to investigate types of paint.
5. **FACILITIES FOR THE YOUTH** : Mr Rowell reported that the Youth Club, which the Parish Council actively supported, has now folded. This is mainly due to the fact that the two leaders are leaving for university and the continued lack of parental help. Mr Rowell and Mrs Hodges have attended a meeting with Helen Devine, NCC and it would seem that grants are available to fund Youth Workers. A meeting was held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June to attempt to ascertain what the youth of the village wanted. Unfortunately this was attended by very few youngsters. Mr Wilcox, Youth Services ENC, attended the meeting and as a follow up he and Mr Rowell walked around the village one evening talking to youngsters. From these meetings the following are being looked into further:-
  - ❖ ENC offer a subsidized bus to take the youth to venues such as the cinema, bowling etc.

- ❖ Mr Rowell has approached the vicar regarding the use of the Benefice Room by the youth. The vicar is very much in favour of this and has very kindly offered the room free of charge
- ❖ Grants from NCC.
- ❖ It was also suggested that Warmington Cinema may be able to offer screenings for the Youth. This however would be expensive and the wide age range to be catered for could be a problem.

6. **LITTER AND GREEN WASTE** : Leaflets were circulated from East Northamptonshire Council regarding compost bins and the Green Waste Club. Comments were made that the services offered were poor in relation to those received by other communities.

7. **FURTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (from the floor)**

➤ Mr Cooper raised various issues regarding street lighting. He recognized that the street lighting project had finished but that the lights at the Social Club and the Old Bakery still required attention. Mr Rowell commented that ABB had recommended that these lights be retained for their useful life.

Mr Cooper also raised the issue of lighting from Church Street to the roundabout. This has been costed by the Parish Council at approx £20,000 for six lights. Mr Cooper suggested looking at alternative means of lighting and agreed to investigate this further.

➤ This led to a discussion of the general problems of the road from Church Street to the roundabout. Mr Rowell explained that a site visit has been made by NCC and they agreed to put a scheme together for a safer crossing at the ford. To date, despite phone calls, letters and e mails no response has been made. This will continue to be followed up.

➤ Mrs Ellard asked the nature of the damage to the wall over the ford. This was caused by vandalism. It has been reported and is being repaired by NCC.

➤ Mr Cooper raised the issue of the pot holes around the village being made worse by the road sweeper. The Clerk has reported these through the Street Doctor and references have been given. A follow up letter has also been sent to Margaret Andrews, NCC.

➤ Mr Middleton raised the issue of grass cutting around the village and particularly at the entrances to the village. The areas mentioned are maintained by NCC. They are cut 6 times per annum at their discretion. They are not obliged to cut the grass until it is over 18 inches long. They leave the arisings as these help the grass to grow more slowly. The situation will continue to be monitored by the Parish Council.

➤ Mrs Ellard commented on the very liberal use of weedkiller around the village by the contractor.

➤ Mr Rowell assured the meeting that the newsletter will continue to be produced every quarter.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.