

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 18th MAY 2009.

Six Councillors were present with Mr Ken Durant in the Chair.

District Councillor James Long and the Clerk to the Council were also present.

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Richard Kemp and Mr G. Shrimpton.

Mr Ken Durant was re-elected as Chairman and signed his Declaration of Acceptance.

The Minutes of the last meeting on the 12th May 2008 May were approved and signed.

In the absence of a Police representative the Clerk announced that no crimes had been reported during the last two months.

The Clerk gave details of the income and expenditure since the last meeting and reported a healthy balance. The Annual Accounts had now been audited by the Internal Auditor and, in his opinion, reflected a true position of the Parish Council's financial affairs. The members, having had Sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Return circulated previously, agreed and approved the Statement of Accounts and resolved that all sections of the Governance Statement be signed in the affirmative.

The Council had no objections to the Application by the Electricity Authority for permission to trim a few trees, covered by TPO's, on The Street, provided it was kept to a minimum. Nor did it have any objections to the application for the construction of a tennis court behind Malting Farm.

Correspondence had been received in connection with the New District Wide Plan for Babergh's Development Framework but it was decided that, with the future so unknown under the Boundaries Committee's Review, the proposals were inappropriate and could not be considered.

The Chairman confirmed that enquiries were progressing in connection with a proposal to line the inner face of the external walls of the Village Hall with insulated plasterboard to reduce the heat loss and condensation problems. In view of the quotations received so far it will be essential for the Council to obtain grants to help meet the cost.

The Council have now chosen the Housing Association to develop the Affordable Housing project and will be meeting with them, shortly, to inspect the proposed site in conjunction with the Housing Enabling Officers from SuffolkAcre and Babergh.

Finally the Council's attention was drawn, once again, to the speed of the school buses through the village, morning and evening, and to the parking of vehicles outside the new development site adjacent to Glencoe, which is causing an unnecessary hazard. The

Chairman agreed to take action with regard to these matters.

The next meeting of the Council will be on 13th July 2009 at 7.30pm.