

Minutes of meeting held on 29th March 2010 at Sutton St Edmund Village Hall commencing at 8.00pm
Chaired By: Cllr Morris – Chairman of Parish Council

Also present: Cllr Seymour SHDC, The Parish Clerk and 15 members of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed all present.

2. The Clerk's notes of the meeting on 23rd March 2009 were read and proposed to be a true record of the meeting, it was resolved to sign the notes as minutes.

3. The Chairman gave a short address:

During the past year several attempts have been made to improve the look of the village. The bus shelter has been repainted to remove the graffiti, within 4 weeks it was back. Trees and shrubs were planted around the playing field but have since been pulled out and many destroyed. It would seem that Sutton St Edmund is in a part of life's cycle where many bored youngsters are living in the village at present, as has happened in the past and no doubt will in the future.

4. The clerk gave a short financial statement:

Finances for the year 2009/10 have kept within budget and the council once again had a successful annual Audit.

This year a small fee has been spent on official registration of all council land with the Land Registry.

At the recreation ground money has been spent on tree pruning and saved on changing companies for the annual play equipment report.

This year's precept increase has been kept to a minimum at 2.6%.

The Council have purchased the Red Phone kiosk in Broadgate from BT for the sum on £1 to save it for posterity. The phone equipment will be removed shortly.

5. There followed an open forum:

Many parishioners present wanted to know more about the "proposed" wind farm to be situated to the north of Gauanockgate and why the Parish Council had not made this proposal public knowledge.

It was explained that at this moment in time there was no planning application submitted for a wind farm and the scoping report received by the council in July was a preliminary consultation to which the council had submitted a reply. There followed a lengthy debate on the matter.

A vehicle seen speeding on a regular basis down Broadgate and at very high speeds was reported by Parishioners. The Clerk will pass on information to the Police.

It was asked if the Parish still had a PCSO as none had been seen for some time. The Clerk explained that a PCSO is still covering our area but also many others as numbers of PCSOs had decreased.

Hare coursing was mentioned and the question “ what to do about it? “ asked. It was suggested that every incident should be reported to the police and not to approach the offenders.

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There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm

Confirmed and approved

Signed:

Date