

**Minutes of Hawkesbury Annual Assembly Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 1st April 2010 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall**

Present:

H Bleaken (Chair), J Otley, D Higgs, C Dixon, L Roberts, A Musty, Peter Isaac and H Jones (Parish clerk)

Apologies:

S Hope and R Tyson

Public Participation

Richard Gay Police Community Support Officer and Pat Sherry from the Hawkesbury Upton Recycling Group

Action

1 Chairman's Report

Report attached

2 Parish Council's Report to include reports on Public Right of Way

Report attached

3 District Councillor's Report

Report Attached

4 Hawkesbury School Report

Report attached

5 Hall Committee Report

Report attached

6 Police and Neighbourhood Watch Report

Richard reported that there has been a steady increase in rural crime, our Parish has also experienced an increase in burglaries, including an attempted break in on our local shop

Outbuildings are also being targeted in one particular incident expensive bikes were stolen from the village, 2 months later when replaced the thieves returned and stole them again. Please ensure that all outbuildings are securely locked.

Last Summer there was an incident with broken glass in the Park, nothing to report this year, the bad weather has kept many people away from the Park.

Positive feed back from the Hawkesbury Speed watch Team, there has been one or two drivers expressing their feelings; the Police have their details and will be contacting them.

There has been an increase in lead being stolen for scrap including radiators; both Badminton and Chipping Sodbury have reported such incidents.

Be vigilant if we see anything suspicious let the Police know.

The two new signs erected recently are purely to make thieves aware that the Police are operating in the area. These will be removed shortly and reinstated if necessary. There has been positive feed back regarding these signs.

In the Parish Magazine an incident was reported regarding the dangerous driving of an individual, if a registration number had been taken would the Police investigate?

The Police would speak to the driver.

To be actioned

Parish clerk to make a note for the Parish Magazine.

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Clerk**

Drivers using their mobile phones must be seen by two witnesses, take the details and the Police will speak to the individual.

It was mentioned that some victims feel that the Police do not appear to be interested in solving the crime. Richard advised that all burglaries are logged and the victim will be visited by the Police, Scope and Victim Support. The Police will also communicate with other forces in the area and interlink information.

We need to pass on information that could help the Police solve crimes; the Parish Council would also like to receive feed back regarding the outcome of crimes in the Parish.

7 Report and discussion on the Parish Plan, Action Plan

Cllr Dixon, the Vision Project is no longer in force since the Parish Plan was produced. It is now down to the Parish Council to implement the Parish Plan.

8 Hawkesbury Upton Recycling Group Report

Pat Sherry -Report attached

Cllr Musty raised a question regarding Bonfire Night this year. If the event was advertised earlier could the HURG provide an area where Parishioners can leave wood that can be used on the bonfire? This was confirmed a place would be provided.

This was noted.

9 Hawkesbury Parish Council Financial Report

Parish Clerk provided a 2009/2010 expenditure report as of 15/02/10.

Cllr Musty explained that the Parish Council was in a good financial position; the cemetery money ring fenced will be discussed on Monday 26th April 2010.

Cllr Musty gave a summary of the grant funding made this year.

The precept has been kept low again this year and this was compared to other villages of similar size with a much larger precept..

Cllr Higgs requested that Hazel Jones Parish Clerk was Thanked for her great efforts.

This was noted.

10 Date of next meeting

Monday 26th April 2010 at the Methodist Hall at 7.30pm