

AVON DASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Reading Room on Monday 8 May 2006

- Present L Hope-Frost; D Brangwyn; J Burgess; A Fraser; K Martin;
Cllr C Williams; Clerk
- In Attendance A F Rice; G J Rice; J Davies; M J Edgington; R P Husband
1. Apologies: Cllr D Booth
2. Declaration of Interest: None
3. Confirmation of Minutes:
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as correct by K Martin and seconded by A Fraser; they were then signed by L Hope-Frost.

4. Chairman's Report:

L Hope-Frost welcomed the appointment of a new Councillor – Jill Burgess – replacing Peter Worrall who retired due to moving from the village. Thanks were expressed to former Clerk Amanda del Principe and her successor Margaret Maughan. Deborah, Alistair and Kevin were also thanked for their valued contribution as Councillors. Kevin was thanked for ensuring that the clock at St Joseph's Church keeps good time. Ali, Jill and the rest of the Fête Committee were congratulated on another splendid fête. County and District Councillors – David Booth and Chris Williams – were thanked for their support; their regular attendance is much appreciated.

Thanks were also expressed to the following:

- Mick – for his contribution towards keeping the village tidy;
- Mary – for attending to the flower bed by the playground;
- June – for keeping the Reading Room 'spick and span';
- Jenny Sherriff for taking over the hosting of the coffee morning from Bob and Audrey; we wish Bob well in his continuing recovery. The popularity of the coffee mornings has meant that it will continue throughout the summer months;
- Pete – for constructing and donating a ramp to enable disabled access to the Reading Room and for constructing the stocks outside the Avon which have proved to be a popular attraction;
- Darren – for the beautiful tubs at the Avon, providing an attractive focal point for the village.

Improvements to the Reading Room are ongoing. Storage benches have been constructed under which the tables are kept and the wall to the side alley has been replaced. Repairs to the porch (roof and interior) and woodworm treatment for the Reading Room are to be undertaken. Repairs were carried out to the Gnomes' Loo earlier in the year.

A 'Silver' was awarded for last summer's Best Kept Village competition; however we were disappointed by the service provided by the Stratford district team who failed to maintain the Churchyard to an acceptable standard.

The light over the lichgate at St John the Baptist Church is soon to be restored and reinstated as part of the overall street lighting system at which time the street lamp nearby will be raised and its light directed up Church Hill. When funds allow, we intend to place a bench on the grass by the lichgate.

AJ Fraser
14/5/07

The Fête Committee has kindly agreed to purchase a picnic bench for the playground.

The Parish Council is attempting to get improved signage at the junction with the B4100 and is embarking on a traffic survey as a first step in combating speeding traffic through the village.

5. Financial Report:

See attached.

6. Charities' Report:

- The Poor Allotment Charity paid £1.30 each to 9 senior citizens.
- Rev John James and Rev Thomas Hinds Charities paid £40.70 each to 9 senior citizens.
- John Freckleton Charity paid £7.00 each to 3 junior scholars and £9.00 each to 3 senior scholars.

7. Election of Officers:

K Martin proposed that A Fraser be elected as Chairman, this was seconded by J Burgess. D Brangwyn proposed that K Martin be elected as Vice-Chairman, this was seconded by J Burgess. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office ledger was signed by A Fraser and K Martin.

L Hope-Frost and D Brangwyn were thanked for their valued contributions as outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

AJ Fraser
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Bank balance @ 31 March 2005:	£4784.47*
Precept for 2005/6:	£5500.00
Receipts during 2005/6:	£7052.55
Payments during 2005/6:	£6798.28
Balance carried forward @ 31 March 2006:	£5490.88

* Note: £452.14 outstanding cheques incorporated in previous accounting period (2004/5):

471	70.00)	
472	13.14)	Re-issued 6/10/05 cheque 556 £83.14
514	8.00)	Re-issued 6/10/05 cheque 557 £8.00
516	<u>361.00</u>)	Not cashed
Total	<u>£452.14</u>		

*AS Fraser
14/5/07*