

**BRABOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**Held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at 7.00pm**  
**At Brabourne Village Hall**

**1. Present**

Cllr Ede (Chairman, Brabourne Parish Council), Cllr Hickmott (Vice-chairman), Cllrs Mrs Beavers, Mrs Bewick, Mrs Young, Spokes and Mrs S Wood (Clerk). Mr R Sinden (Community Warden) was also present.

Sixteen members of the public attended.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Honey (borough councillor).

**3. Presentation of Annual Citizenship Award**

The Chairman said that the Award is given annually in memory of Cllr Chris Goodall, whose contribution to the parish is immeasurable. This Award marks the affection and respect with which he was held and is awarded to someone who has worked for the parish and for the people of Brabourne in a voluntary capacity. The recipient is chosen by the Parish Council from nominations submitted by the community.

Before presenting the Award, that Chairman reported that last year's recipient (Mr 'Jock' Anderson) had been involved in a serious road accident when out on his bicycle, and passed the good wishes of the Council to Mrs Anderson and family and wished Mr Anderson a speedy recovery.

Continuing, the Chairman announced that it gave him great pleasure to present the Award on behalf of the community and Parish Council to someone who had contributed to village life for over 30 years; someone whose support of local organizations and events knew no bounds, and could always be relied on, even when not in the best of health.

To loud applause, the Chairman presented the Award and a cheque for £100 to Mr Peter Clayton. The Chairman also presented Mr Clayton with an engraved glass plaque, donated by Mrs Marion Goodall and her daughters.

Mr Clayton thanked all present for the Award.

**4. Minutes of the 2010 Meeting**

The Minutes of the 2010 Annual Parish meeting were agreed.

**5. Matters Arising**

- Traffic calming at Brabourne School has been put in place.
- Landscape Services has rectified damage on the green and the new planting carried out, including the replacement trees.
- The Clerk advised that the parish website is now in use.
- Negotiations with the Borough Council to have the Warren declared a village green have been deferred by the Borough Council until after the May elections.

**6. Financial Report**

The draft accounts were circulated by the Clerk and questions invited.

Mr Peter de Lacey (Chairman, Brabourne and Smeeth Allotment Society) noted that allotment rental payments to the Parish Council were higher than the £400 annual rental payable to Shepherd Neame. The Chairman replied that the Parish Council is incurring costs during set up of the project, and rents would be reviewed after this was complete.

**7. Any Other Business**

- A request was made that a hearing loop be installed in the Village Hall – this is to be passed to the Hall Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.