

**BRABOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**Held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.00pm**  
**At Brabourne Village Hall**

**1. Present**

Cllr Ede (Chairman), Cllr Hickmott (Vice-chairman), Cllrs Mrs Young and Mayland, and Mrs S Wood (Clerk). Cllr Howard (ward member) and Mr G Kingston (Community Warden) were also present. Seven members of the public attended.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wickham (county councillor), Cllr Wood (borough councillor), and Cllrs Mrs Beaver, Mrs Bewick and Spokes.

**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.

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 looked after the village hall for 22 years, and without whom there may not be a hall or the necessary revenue.

To loud applause, the Chairman presented the Award and a cheque for £100 to Mrs Betty Dryland.

The Chairman also presented Mrs Dryland with an engraved glass plaque, donated by Mrs Marion Goodall and her daughters.

Mrs Dryland thanked all present for the Award, which she said, had been completely unexpected.

**4. Minutes of the 2011 Meeting**

The Minutes of the 2011 Annual Parish meeting were agreed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

**5. Matters Arising**

**5.1** Registration of The Warren as a village green is to be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March (immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting).

**6. Financial Report**

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

Donations had been given to the Football Association, the Village Hall Association, the Playing Fields' Association and the Footpaths' Association. £2000 had been loaned to Brabourne Parish Council for the allotments' project, by Smeeth Parish Council; this was because of a potential funding shortfall due to delayed payment of a grant. The loan was repaid within a week.

**7. Any Other Business**

**7.1** The request that a hearing loop be installed in the Village Hall was passed to the Hall Committee, which ruled it out on cost grounds.

The meeting closed at 7.08pm.