

**BRABOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**Held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.00pm**  
**At Brabourne Village Hall**

**1. Present**

Cllr Ede (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Bewick, Mrs Young and Spokes, and Mrs S Wood (Clerk). Cllr Wickham (county councillor) was also present.

Thirteen members of the public attended.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hickmott (Vice-chairman), Cllr Mrs Beaver, Cllr Mayland and Cllr Howard (ward member).

**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 made the community laugh by organising the village pantomime, arranged the harvest supper and taken on the role as Chair of the Hall Committee.

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

Mrs Fortescue thanked all present for the Award, which she said, was undeserved as she enjoyed herself so much while participating in these activities.

**4. Minutes of the 2012 Meeting**

The Minutes of the 2012 Annual Parish Meeting were agreed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012.

**5. Matters Arising**

The transfer of The Warren to the Parish Council has been completed.

**6. Financial Report**

The draft accounts were presented.

It was noted that the Council is on a sounder financial footing as reserves have increased to approx £12500 from £4000 in 2011-2012. It is recommended that reserves are held to cover the costs of a by-election, Standards Committee investigation, local referendum and 50% of the Precept – these total £12500.

**7. Any Other Business**

The request for installation of a hearing loop in the Village Hall will be looked at again, and if costs are less than £1000 a grant towards costs will be sought from KCC.

The meeting closed at 7.08pm.