



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TWYFORD ROAD, BARROW UPON TRENT AT 7.00PM.**

**Present:**

Councillor Mrs Anne Heathcote - Chairman  
Councillor Keith Slater - Vice Chairman  
Councillor Mrs Catherine Blackmore  
Councillor Duncan Hewitt  
Councillor John Wilcox

Mrs Gayle Campling - Clerk  
County Councillor John Harrison  
District Councillor Peter Watson  
11 Members of the public

**APM 1/2010 - Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Ken Atkin - illness

**APM 2/2010 - Report by Derbyshire Constabulary**

PCSO Christopher Bromiley sent his apologies that he was unable to attend the meeting. In their absence the Chairman reported that apart from some niggling incidents Barrow was an area of very low crime. The police were well aware that on occasions prompt attention is required and this is always received. The Council would like to record their thanks for the excellent service that is received.

**APM 3/2010 - Report by County Councillor John Harrison**

**1. Introduction**

The year will be remembered for the principal highlights of Afghanistan, the M.P's Expenses Scandal, the on-going 'Credit Crunch' and the election of a Conservative Administration at Matlock for the first time in 28 years. Closer to home, this has also been an exceptionally busy year for me as your County Councillor.

**2. The Key Issues** across the County have been:-

- **My First Budget** - As the Cabinet Member for Finance and Management, was produced at a time of acute economic crisis from which Councils are by no means immune, with reduced income on, for example, investments and property rents; increasing demands on services due to the demographic changes and rising costs, such as 20% increase in landfill charges. While the Government honoured its third year commitment of a 5.8% increase in the rate support grant for 2010/11, it failed to announce last November, as promised, what the increase would be in 2011/12 and beyond. Meanwhile, whichever party wins the imminent General Election, cuts in public spending are being widely forecast and so the need to remove the £60 million forecasted Budget deficit over the next 5 years of the Medium Term Financial Plan is likely to be even more

challenging. Be assured that the Council is dedicated to using its best endeavours to maintaining, front line services while endeavouring to keeping Council Tax increases low.

- **Council Tax** - The announced increases for 2010/11 for both Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council are 1.5% (the lowest increase since Council Tax was introduced in 1993), the Police Authority also at 1.5% and the Fire Authority at 2.5%.
  - **The South Derbyshire Conjoined Planning Enquiry** - on which Derbyshire County Council was consulted, it will be recalled, allowed 3 out of 5 sites i.e. Stenson Fields Farm, Highfields Farm and Boulton Moor. Overall, South Derbyshire has an allocation to produce over 12,000 additional houses between 2006 and 2026; the allocation of these is now at the consultation stage in the required development of the Local Development Framework by South Derbyshire District Council. The sites put forward by developers and landowners amounted to more than three times the amount needed to satisfy the District's allocation.
  - **East Midlands Airport** - The economic recession has impacted significantly on EMA's activities with notable reductions in both passenger flights and jobs. This has been reflected in less noise pollution, including at night, but meanwhile the extended runway to accommodate larger aircraft has now been approved by the Planning Authority, North West Leicestershire Council, but with the introduction, for the first time, of restrictions on air traffic movements at night. The Airport Master Plan (AMP), published in December 2006, continues to provide the backdrop for monitoring the forecasted growth for airport traffic, employment and noise, including night noise. Passenger numbers per annum decreased in December 2009 to circa 4.8 million from a peak of 6.8 million in August 2008 off the back of the 'Credit Crunch'. Total cargo tonnage (freight and mail) remained steady throughout 2009 in line with the levels recorded in 2008 but are materially below AMP projections. It appears that the initial forecast, even taking into account the recession, was unrealistically high. Meanwhile, employment is also below AMP forecasts and falling. A review of the AMP is due to take place this year and the consultation, to which I responded, has now closed.
  - **Formula 1 at Donington Park** - The collapse of Donington Ventures into receivership met with a mixed response from the local community.
  - **Elvaston Castle** - Apparently, progress has been frustratingly slow due to the Grade II listed building status and the associated planning and design demands of English Heritage at the pre-planning application stage. The prolonged negotiations continue and a specialist heritage architect has now been commissioned, with English Heritage funding, to carry out a detailed structural assessment of the Castle, its outbuildings and historic artefacts, such as the Golden Gates and the Moorish Temple. Meanwhile there have been concerns raised by local people over the upkeep of parts of the Country Park which I am pursuing.
  - **Travellers** - Continue their presence in the area. With the approval of private landowners, access to the land adjacent to Derby Spur roundabout, a frequent location for travellers has now been effectively blocked-off by the County Council.
3. **The following additional issues have also featured in the Aston-on-Trent Parish in 2009/10**
- **The Swarkestone Quarry Liaison Committee** - I have continued to Chair this Committee, which meets twice a year to address any issues which may be a source of concern to either the local community and/or the Quarry operator. There has been little activity at the quarry over recent months due to the economic recession which has had a particularly harsh impact on the construction industry. Relations between the parties remain good although there are signs of strains appearing with the proposed extension in the direction of Ingleby. Minimisation of the impact is under active consideration.
  - **Ponding on Brookfield** - The first attempt of jetting the drains failed to achieve any noticeable improvement but no further complaints have been received following the second attempt.
  - **Sale & Davys Primary School** - I much enjoy my role as Community Governor, where I endeavour to make a positive contribution to the school in support of its excellent Head Teacher and staff. The continuing accredited improvement is commendable in this vital village asset which also serves a wider catchment.
  - **A Footway on Swarkestone Road** - It seems that no progress is likely on the desired footway extension, at least until such time as the future of the former Power Station site is known.

- **Deepdale Lane** - The County Council has now responded to the concerns over speeding vehicles veering off the road and into the adjacent canal. The initial response was favourable, with just a few reservations, but shortly after completion another car ended up in the canal. I submit that this was due to the fault of the driver and not the new barrier.

In conclusion, I wish to record my thanks and appreciation not only to you Madam Chairman and your Clerk, Gayle, but also to the Parish Council as a whole for the many kindnesses, support and cooperation shown to me over the past year as your County Councillor following my re-election for a fourth term last June.

#### **APM 4/2010 - Report by District Councillor Peter Watson**

This is my third report as your elected District Councillor for the Aston Ward which includes the Parish of Barrow upon Trent and I am delighted to record that I enjoy a most satisfactory working relationship with all the Councillors, Clerk and Parishioners. The report identifies some of the issues that have affected the Parish in the year together with the Council Tax Budget for 2010 - 2011.

**Planning Issues** - I have presented the opinion of the Parish Council on all planning matters as requested, and in particular:-

- I supported the objection to a retrospective application, which was refused, for a development north of the canal on the grounds "enough is enough". Unfortunately, the Council's opinion will probably be tested at an appeal.
- I also strongly argued against an industrial development to the north of the Bypass just outside the Conservation area as not being in keeping with the adjacent properties. Unfortunately the scheme was approved.
- I have been involved with ensuring that the specified conditions of the Animal Sanctuary consent are being met albeit it at a very slow pace. The situation will be closely monitored.

**Swarkestone Gravel Pit** - I serve on the Gravel Liaison Committee as a representative of the District Council and of Ingleby Parish Meeting. The applicant company, Lafarge, at an extraordinary meeting presented its case for an extension to the working life of the quarry by 10 years to 2020, followed by a question session. Your Council has submitted a written objection to the proposals and one with much stronger objections will be submitted by Ingleby Parish in early May.

**Housing Planning Application - Conjoined Enquiry** - The conjoined housing planning enquiry granted approval for in the order of 450 houses at Stenson. The District Council is now preparing its Local Development Framework to 2026 and this may identify areas of housing previously refused but likely to be required in South Derbyshire because of its predicted population growth.

**Donington Park and the Formula 1 Grand Prix** - The Company developing the Race Track was unable to secure funding for their proposals so the Formula 1 Motor Grand Prix will not take place there in the foreseeable future. The development is under review by the landowners and will be reported when the new proposals are known.

**Safer Neighbourhood Area** - The District Council continues to work with our Partners to deliver vital community services to detect and prevent crime and to help communities to develop and attract funding for projects. I have served as Chairman of the Safer Neighbourhood Area 3 Meeting, which covers the Parish of Barrow upon Trent, for the last year. I am pleased to record that there has been an overall reduction in crime and Barrow has not had any serious incidents.

**Flooding** - This continues to be a real worry for the residents, which may I suggest always will be and may unfortunately become a greater problem because of the long term effect of climate change. The District Council will continue to make the Environment Agency aware of the very real risk of flooding in the Trent Valley. I am in regular contact with the Environment Agency and am currently awaiting a response to my request for the reason for the areas likely to be flooded in a 200 year flood as shown on the new maps based on level datum using satellite aerial photography.

**The Budget** - This is the third budget that has been set against a tightening financial climate. In 2008 there was the 'Credit Crunch', in 2009 the economy was in full recession and now the on-going effects are having an adverse effect on everyone's finances, including those of South Derbyshire District Council. Last year we had a prudent budget with a moderate increase in Council Tax. Even in recession South Derbyshire continues to be one of the fastest growing districts nationally and we have been externally assessed as "performing well" in our overall use of resources. The Council will

continue to provide the current service provision in accordance with the Corporate Plan. We will also continue to support local and voluntary organisations through these exceptionally difficult times by increased grant aid. Our budget allows us to continue to support the work we do with our partners in:-

- The Police, tackling street crime and antisocial behaviour
- The Fire and Rescue Service
- The voluntary sector delivering community services and helping local communities attracting funding for community enhancing projects

There are no cuts in services, just a value for money budget formulated within the severe constraints brought about by the acute economic downturn. The District Council Tax for the coming year will have the lowest annual increase since its introduction in 1993. The last two years have increases of 2.5% and this year it will be only 1.5% which means an average increase of £2.22 per year or about 4p per week. For a band D property the tax increase by other bodies are:-

Derbyshire County Council, an increase of 1.5% or £15.92 for the year, a sum of £1,077.22

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue, an increase of 2.5% or £1.65 for the year, a sum of £67.17

Derbyshire Police, an increase 1.5% or £2.42 for the year, a sum of £163.74

These increases produce a total in the year for a band D property of 1.6% or £22.21 which equates to a demand of £1,458.38; however, any local precepts are not included in this figure.

**The Future** - The District Council is now preparing a Local Development Framework for the next 15 years from 2011 to 2026 and the comments of the parishes will be accepted in the extended time period up to the end of May.

**Thanks to the Community** - I, together with Hilary Coyle and Neil Atkin, your District Councillors for the Aston Ward which includes the parish of Barrow upon Trent, would like to thank you for the appreciation of our efforts we have made over this year on your behalf. We will continue to support, help and advise your Parish Council on means of improving your local environment.

#### **APM 5/2010 - Report by the Chair of the Parish Council, Mrs Anne Heathcote**

The Council has had another very busy year with increased work on the Parish cottages, much local government business, and the planning consultations that are currently underway in this area. During the year we have been supported by Gayle, our Parish Clerk and Responsible Officer, and I would like to record the thanks of the Council for the unstinting work that she has done over the last 12 months to support the work of this Parish. Over the last twelve months the Council has continued to work on the day-to-day business of the parish, ably supported by our District and County Councillors, Peter Watson and John Harrison. Not only does this include the normal duties of parish representation, but also the upkeep of the parish environs and the maintenance of the Manor Farm Lagoon, now renamed as 'Greenacres'. During the year we have had a prolonged period of damage and vandalism in the area of Greenacres. The police have been informed of all of incidents, and the Council has taken all the necessary actions to ensure the security and safety of this area. The constant problem of accidents along Deepdale Lane has now been addressed by the erection of a crash barrier and the levelling of the road. This is following much lobbying by the Parish Council and the intervention of John Harrison on our behalf. For many years the fence on the east side of the Small Playing Field has been in need of replacement. This has now been done using anti-climb wire mesh to prevent further damage and intrusion onto the neighbouring garden. The Parish Cottages are an asset of which this village is very proud. The Parish Council maintains these cottages and has a rolling programme of refurbishment as the properties become vacant. During the year No 14 has been completely renovated and redecorated. During the year, the Council opened the vacant cottages to the public whilst they were undergoing the renovation work. These cottages belong to the parish, but few people had actually had the opportunity to inspect the insides before. We currently have a waiting list of 15 prospective tenants who meet our criteria for occupancy. Following representations from the parish via the Parish Plan, the Council has now been successful in appointing a Parish Lengthsman to care for our pavements, and to clear litter. In addition, the public footpaths are regularly inspected by the Council and remedial work undertaken where necessary. Many of the outstanding maintenance jobs around the parish are being undertaken in conjunction with the Probation Service via the Community Payback Team. They have undertaken work around the parish

such as clearing paths, clearing ditches and tidying some of the communal areas. The Council continues its representation on local area committees, representing the views of parishioners and acquainting the village with developments outside of our immediate vicinity. The Parish continues its representation on the Gravel Liaison committee with Derbyshire County Council, South Derbyshire District Council, the Environment Agency and Lafarge. Despite the recent rejection of the planning appeal regarding the proposed Wragley Way development, South Derbyshire District Council is required by the Government to produce plans for the provision of a further 12,000 dwellings in South Derbyshire. Several of the options available within the Core Strategy are within this parish, and the Council held a public meeting recently to gain the views of parishioners and to put forward representations to SDDC on behalf of the electorate in this area. For the second year running the Council has been able to reduce the Parish Precept by 6.9%, set a balanced budget, and managed to restrict excess expenditure to 1% of income. This is despite spending an exceptional amount on cottage refurbishment last year. There are now only three more cottages requiring upgrade. Part of the budget strategy is to rationalise the number of rubbish and dog litter bins in the village. Each of these costs in the region of £150 per year to empty, and the work will be completed shortly, ensuring full coverage of the area without reducing the availability of bins. The Parish Council has worked, and will continue to work, closely with the Parish Plan Steering Committee to consider the views of parishioners about their village environs and services. The Council will support the development of work proposed in the Parish Plan working groups' Action Plans. In addition, the Parish Council has amalgamated its website with the Parish Plan website to create a new Parish Website that covers all activities in the parish, and has worked hard to create an improved Parish News. Please take time to look at these if you can. The Council is grateful for the continued interest of the public in Parish Council matters, and welcomes any questions or comments, especially during the public sessions within each Parish Council meeting. In order to increase public participation, we have extended the ability of the parishioners to engage in debate by providing a further session within Council meetings for the public to air their views. Whilst it is inevitable that not all Parish Council decisions are supported by everyone in the parish, please be assured that all views are taken into account in our deliberations. We hope that the open administration that we use is acceptable to and appreciated by everyone.

#### **APM 6/2010 - Clerk's Financial Report**

Copies of the draft accounts for the financial year 09/10 were provided at the beginning of the meeting to everyone present.

#### **Items included under General Administration for 2009 - 2010**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Audit Commission	Audit of Accounts for 2008 - 2009	£285.00
Barrow upon Trent Village Hall	Hire of hall for meetings	£373.25
Brian Wood	Internal Audit Fee	£80.25
Came & Company	Parish Council Insurance	£450.98
DALC	Membership subscription	£249.29
DALC	Training Courses - Councillors	£40.00
DRCC	Membership Subscription	£30.00
ICO	Data Protection Registration	£35.00
NALC	Delivery charge for return of portfolio	£9.21
SDDC	Gully Cleansing	£0.00
SDDC	Servicing of dog & litter bins 2008/2009 & 2009 /2010	£1,952.21
SLCC	Membership subscription	£0.00
SLCC	Reference Materials for Clerk	£171.50
Albino Igil	Domain Name Registration Fee 2009 - 2011	£11.44
Mrs J Grimley	Website Hosting & Maintenance Fees 08 - 09	£225.61

**£3,913.74**

**Account Summary and Bank Reconciliation 2009 - 2010**

Nat West Current Account Balance as at 1st April 2009		£9,088.52
Alliance & Leicester Deposit Account Balance as at 1st April 2009		£44,542.00
Derbyshire Building Society Account as at 1st April 2009		£408.00
Chqs issued but not presented as at 31/3/2009		-£218.50
Adjustment to balance brought fwd figures from 31/3/08		£2.00
		<b>£53,822.02</b>
<b>Income</b>	Precept	£10,000.00
	Donations	£131.96
	Concurrent Expenses Refund	£3,460.00
	VAT Refund	£3,527.17
	Housing	£30,608.52
	Refunds Received	£310.64
	Cemetery	£300.00
	Parish News	£1,015.00
	Cottage Deposits	£1,112.00
	Allotment Rent	£36.00
	Wayleaves	£0.00
	Interest Received	£189.54
		<b>£50,690.83</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Clerk Fee & Expenses	£7,706.55
	Sportsmobile	£125.00
	Noticeboard	£690.00
	Parish Lengthsman	£545.62
	Housing	£21,856.29
	Greenacres (formerly Manor Farm Lagoon)	£1,466.74
	General Admin	£3,913.74
	Chairman's Allowance	£25.00
	S 137	£1,385.50
	Cemetery	£2,025.13
	Allotment	£378.00
	Parish Plan	£0.00
	Playing Field	£2,319.77
	Parish News	£1,898.12
	Ground Maintenance	£4,355.00
	Christmas Lights	£131.96
	Road Barriers	£209.94
	VAT	£2,199.64
		<b>£51,232.00</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>£53,280.85</b>
<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>		
Balance as per bank statement from NatWest		31/03/2010 £7,052.31
Chqs issued but not presented at bank		31/03/2010 £25.00
Receipts not yet included in bank statement balance		31/03/2010 £0.00
NatWest - General Deposit Account Balance		31/03/2010 £44,727.06
NatWest - Housing Deposits Savings Account Balance		31/03/2010 £1,524.48
Adjustment to balance brought fwd figures from 31/3/08		£2.00
		<b>£53,280.85</b>

## **APM 7/2010 - Reports from Village Organisations**

### **Brookfield Club - Dave Hateley**

The past year has been another difficult year for the Brookfield Club. Sadly the Chairman, Keith Fallows, passed away last year. We owe Keith a big thank you for steadying the club over the past few years and he is certainly much missed. The Club has had another average year with takings remaining static over the past four years. The profit margins, due to the increase in beer cost prices and duty, have shown a reduction of 6%. The flat above the Club was vacant for several months last year, depriving us of approximately £350.00 per month income. Overall the Club made a loss of £3,198.00 last year. The Club is at present suffering from a major damp problem which will need to be rectified before next winter. The cost for this is £8,800.00 and the Club has decided to seek a loan for this as this work cannot be put off much longer. On a positive note, the Club has a dedicated committee who are determined to move the Club forward and to create a local facility that the whole village can be proud of. The Club has a new steward,

Andy Hatten, who is not only popular but does a good job in keeping the drinks in first class condition and ensuring the hygiene standards are met. Key members of the committee are, Damien Kenny who is now Chairman and can often be seen with a paint brush or spanner doing essential maintenance as well as assisting behind the bar when required. He has also been instrumental in reducing several monthly costs. Mike Butler has taken on the role of Entertainments Secretary and has worked tirelessly on promoting the Club and showing many new acts. Phil Bacon is the Club Secretary and keeps the accounts and cash in first class order along with many other thankless roles which he performs when required. The Club has active darts, dominoes and pool teams. On the last Friday of each month a quiz night with a fish and chip supper is held. This has become so popular that on some nights it has become difficult to get a seat! Live acts are also scheduled each month and are always popular. Bingo is also held on Saturday and Sunday nights. Wednesday night is poker night where players hope to progress to local and national finals. Last Sunday a Table Top Sale was held where 15 tables were sold. This was a new venture for the Club and much was learnt from the experience. The Club offers Big Screen television for all major sporting events. Upstairs there is a private room which can be used for groups of up to 15 people. This room is presently used by the Parish Plan Committee each month. A Wi-Fi link has been installed for use by customers. Two events have now become a fixture in the Club Calendar. The Tea and Biscuits after the Remembrance Day Service and the Carols around the Christmas Tree. Both of which are well supported, growing and most of all, enjoyable. The Club is also used as a venue for get togethers such as funerals and christenings, where food can be provided if required and also for the Children's' Christmas Party. It is intended to create a fishing club for members who wish to fish the lagoon. The details of this should be finalised in the next few weeks. The Club has offered its facilities to the 50's Group. During the summer, BBQ's will be held in the Club Garden. The main object of the committee is to completely refurbish the premises within 12 months. It is hoped that food facilities in a modern environment can be achieved, bringing the Club into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and giving the whole community a facility it can be proud of.

### **St Wilfrid's Church - Jill Scarfe**

The Church has had another successful year with a regular, increased congregation, plus many school services and special events in Church. We had our annual, very enjoyable Harvest Festival and Christmas Carol Services attended by a very large congregation and supported by the young musicians in the village. The annual Remembrance Service at The Cross, where we are joined by members of the Club, has become a regular feature on our calendar. In addition to the usual services, including baptisms, weddings and funerals, the Church continues to host concerts and other special events such as exhibitions and our ever-popular 'Teddy Parachute' competition. Instead of the usual Summer Fete, a weekend of Open Gardens with refreshments was organised and enjoyed by a large

number of people from within the parish. Inside the Church an extensive Art and Craft exhibition took place and raised funds for the Church fabric. The monthly Saturday Coffee mornings finished in December with a talk on Christmas Decorations, this event has now been taken over by the 50 Club meetings that have evolved out of the Parish Plan. The Youth Group continues to meet in the Church every Wednesday evening during term time and has over 20 regular attenders. Further repairs to one of the Church windows have been undertaken and work on the Quinquennial report by our architect will start as soon as funds allow. Two members of the PCC attended a Church Building maintenance course at Wingerworth. The Church Council was made aware recently of lead thieves working in the area - the roof coverings have been stolen from several local churches. We have had great support from people living locally to the Church, who have undertaken to keep a close eye on unusual activity in the vicinity of the Church. In addition, the Church Council asked for vigilance from parishioners via the Parish Website. The Parish Share for 2009 was more than the Church was able to afford and the Church Council gave notice to the Derby Diocese that it would only be able to pay a proportion of the amount. The same will apply in 2010. The Church requires £40 per day, every day of the year, to maintain - this is without any repairs. None of this comes from public tax or rates, or Church Commissioners Funds - just from the parish and the people who attend the services. We are grateful to all who contribute in any way to the maintenance of this beautiful building and its churchyard and to Tony and his team of unpaid workers who help us with our services.

### **Sale and Davys CE Primary School - Carolyn Stops, Head Teacher**

The following is a synopsis of the events and achievements since the last Annual Parish Meeting.

**School Character** - The school has 105 children on the roll who are divided up into 4 classes, some of which are mixed age and mixed key stage. The school sees itself as part of the community in which it is situated.

**Views of stakeholders** - The Local Authority scrutinised our work and it continues to hold us in high esteem. The School Council continued to sponsor a guide dog and chose to support other charities, including Sport relief and the Haiti Relief Fund. Parents and children's questionnaire returns were largely positive and some suggestions were provided for thought and possible action at a later date. There is a system of meetings designed to address the needs of groups of staff.

**Achievement and Standards** - Children achieve above the national average at the end of Key stages 1 and 2. The school has a rigorous and ever improving tracking system and it can identify progress for individual children. Intervention resources are targeted where they are needed. A recent development being the implementation of the 1:1 tuition programme. Externally marked test papers are analysed to identify next steps in our provision. A number of children achieve well in their interests outside of school.

**Personal Development and Well-being** - The school is fully compliant with Health and Safety provision. All equipment is tested annually; risk assessments are carried out appropriately; children learn about rule making, health and safety issues and matters relating to the forming and sustaining of relationships. Educational visits are fully risk assessed. CRB checks are made on all staff and persons with unsupervised access to children. Some older children are trained to act as playground friends. Pupils are rewarded for 100% attendance; excellent behaviour; excellent effort; excellent achievement; and eating healthily at lunch time.

**Quality of Provision** - A range of sports clubs, along with other activities, are well attended by the children. Since January, some children have been learning to play the recorder. Many children have continued to learn to play the cello and violin. A greater focus on outdoor learning now takes place, particularly for the Early Years Foundation Stage children. The school has continued to enjoy the benefits of renting an allotment. There have been a number of curriculum focus days and weeks, such as: Creative Arts, Science, National Children's Book week and Sports Week.

**Leadership and Management** - The School Improvement Plan was reviewed and revised targets were implemented. Resources are allocated according to priorities, including staff training. The cycle of Performance Management is taking place for teaching and non teaching staff. The School's Governing Body has a new Chair of Governors, John Wilcox and a new Vice Chair, Simon Warburton. Governing Body meetings are held once a month at which policies are ratified, the appointment of staff is

ratified and the budget for the financial year is reviewed and set. Governors recently had some training on the new Ofsted Schedule. The Governing Body has recently monitored Science and ICT.

**Community Cohesion** - The School has welcomed support from the local community, including attendance and contributions from Rev. Tony Luke, parents with particular expertise, transition events from Chellaston School. The School's PTA is a thriving organisation and it contributes by organising fund raising and fun events. The School has supported the local community by attendance at Macmillan Coffee Morning and articles for the Parish Magazine. The School Hall is home to the village Playgroup. A class visited a mosque in Derby to widen the experience of the children. The School has made a successful link with a School in Zambia. The children aim to support charities; sometimes choosing to help children abroad, such as the Shoebox Appeal.

**Next Steps** - The school is striving to maintain its position of being in the top 12 - 13% schools nationally. It does this by critically analysing its position regularly. Some help is being sought from the local community for support in: Our History Day, Our Allotment and Areas of the curriculum where people have an interest or skill.

#### **Sale and Davys Playgroup - Helen Bentley, Chairman**

The playgroup at present consists of 21 children on the books and a short waiting list of children too young to attend. We have extended the age limit now to 2 years old. At the beginning of the year we had a very successful recruitment drive which saw more enquiries from the surrounding area. We have an average attendance of 13 children per session. We hold 4 morning sessions a week in the school hall. The playgroup is a registered charity and as such is run by a voluntary committee; however, we do have paid qualified members of staff led by Ruth Croft from the village. Our AGM is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at the Brookfield Club at 7.00 p.m. This was my fourth year as Chairman but I will be standing down at the AGM due to not being eligible now that my two children are at school. As most groups, we have a continuing struggle with our finances trying to keep on top of the salaries along with the rent. In the playgroup, the children follow the EYFS - 'Early Years Foundation Stage' (a Government Organisation) and are involved in all sorts of different activities and along with playing and making friends, they have different topics each half term e.g. 'All about me', 'Homes', 'Shapes' and baking Christmas Cakes. This year on the fund raising front, we had our Summer Olympics where we sponsor the children to do up to 10 sporting laps - hopping, skipping, throwing, that sort of thing. We had calendars and tea towels printed for Christmas. Also, as some of you know and attended, we had a marvellous Pudding Night held in the Village Hall in March, with a wonderful village and playgroup turnout. I would like to express my thanks to the committee who helped organise this fantastic event. We did have an outbreak of Chicken pox just before Christmas, which saw just about everyone catching it - well it's best out of the way!!! We are a dedicated committee and our Staff is extremely competent and what is obvious from the children's reaction every morning - loved by them too. As Chairman of this group, I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone involved who make this committee a pleasure to be part of.

#### **Parish Plan Steering Committee - Ron Scarfe, Chairman**

I am happy to say that The Parish Plan is now ready for publication. The Parish Plan Steering Committee has received great support from the Parishioners of Barrow upon Trent and would like to thank them for completing the questionnaires, attending the open meetings and providing us with information and with their vision and as to how our parish should grow. We are very grateful to them. Several things have already been achieved or are ongoing, and there is much more to come. I would like to mention a few of those achievements to date. A sense of division and gaps in communication were indicated. Thanks to the co-operation between the Parish Plan Steering Committee and the Parish Council: The Parish News has been greatly improved and includes contributions from parishioners, the Parish Council and the Parish Plan web-sites have been combined into an interactive 'web log' that may be accessed by the various parish organisations and can incorporate all village activities and organisations, the village has a new notice board and one has been installed in Swarkestone Road, a 'Welcome Booklet' for new-comers has been written and the outlying hamlets are now represented on the Parish Council and lastly, the BT telephone box is being adopted as an information centre. Parishioners complained of lack of social contact and anxiety

about isolation, so, with the initiation of the 50 club, there has been the establishment of regular social afternoons and more exhibitions to include local arts and crafts have been organised. Many vulnerable people have difficulty accessing transport - we have not been able to improve the bus service but agreement from local pharmacies to deliver prescriptions has been reached and footpaths and verges have been tidied up. Many parishioners have asked for more sporting activities so a fitness class has been organised and is up and running, leaders are undergoing cycle proficiency training and regular 'all age' rambles have been successfully organised. Moves are afoot to apply for major funding to develop activities in our two parks for the young people of the parish. The Green areas Working Group are progressing plans to develop the Greenacres lagoon area into a haven for wildlife (and human life) in conjunction with the Parish Council and the Parish Environment Working Group have now detailed plans for improvements to the appearance of our parish which include not only the development of distinguishing and appealing features, including an attractive village centre, new signage and increasing floral displays but also seating so that we can sit and admire it and also for a war against fly-tipping. Unfortunately we haven't won them all; Broadband provision did improve but recently has regressed to its former poor state of provision so it still needs to be monitored! This is just the beginning, but the publication of the Parish Plan will be evidence to Grant giving bodies of the ways in which the parish wishes to develop. I would like to take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks to all who have served on the steering committee. It has been a great uplifting experience to find so many dedicated, hardworking and enthusiastic people in our midst who have been involved from the start and who are continuing to make great efforts to ensure the plans successful completion. But I wish also to give a particular thank you to all those volunteers who have supported and worked with us to create the action plans and to those who will take this forward in the future. And lastly, my thanks to the Parish Council who have given us so much cooperation and encouragement to complete the process.

#### **Barrow Singers - Jill Scarfe**

The Barrow Singers have been going since 1992 and have continued to get bigger and louder and I am glad to say that many of our original members are still with us. We now have members from other villages in South Derbyshire and the age range is from mid teens to early 80's. Thousands of pounds have been raised for local and international charities and have shepherded many bridal couples at the start of their wedded life together and regrettably had the privilege and honour of attending at funerals. Our annual concerts in Barrow take place in June and Christmas. This year on June 25<sup>th</sup> we will be raising money for St John's Ambulance and in December we will be raising funds for the Rainbow Hospice in Loughborough. I am exceptionally proud of all the singers, I am a professional musician and it is a great prize for me to work with such fabulous people who work very hard and make a very good sound.

#### **Village Hall Committee - Mick Foster, Chairman**

With the aid of grants, for which thanks go to Hazel for all her hard work in obtaining them, we have been able to continue with the refurbishment. After the windows last year, we have continued to react to user feedback and have replaced the kitchen and also renewed the crockery, both of which were getting very tired. We have also tiled both toilets and renewed the floor to improve the areas. Decorating is now on the agenda for the future and also a big project of sorting the stage area. Financially we are keeping our heads just above the water. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for their continued support and also the groups that use the hall on a regular basis as well. Please feel free to have a look around and see what has been achieved. I would like to say thank you to the Village Hall Committee, especially the Treasurer, Secretary and the Booking Secretary for all their hard work.

#### **Women's Institute - Gay Greene - President**

Another year has gone quickly by and Barrow upon Trent Women's Institute is still thriving. We have lost a couple of original members but gain several new members over the year. 2009 was a fantastic year for speakers and demonstrations. We had talks on Colour and Style, Flower Arranging and a very informative talk by the Assistant Chief Constable. Our theatre trip to see Grumpy Old Women was

excellent and we felt that the script could have been written for us! We also had a workshop on painting with dyes on silk fabric and making a necklace or scarf from our dyed fabric. We managed 3 meals out, much enjoyed by the ladies and a wonderful trip in September to visit Buckingham Palace and the Christmas Market in Lincoln. We had a Fashion Show in February to raise funds to pay for our speakers. The day was snowy and we thought no one would come but the village hall was packed. Some members gain attended the Derbyshire Federation Council meeting at the Assembly Rooms where the main speaker was Rachel Heyhoe Flint, the lady cricketer and Sir Henry Every, a local dignitary.

**Sale and Davys CE School PTA (no one able to attend - Report read out on their behalf)**

The Sale & Davys CE School PTA had a very successful year in 2009. With the continued support of our parents, teachers and the Barrow-on-Trent villagers, we were able to raise enough money to have bouncy tarmac installed in the playground for the children which has been a huge success. Our summer event last year was successful in itself, even though the weather threatened to disrupt the day! We ran a very successful Quiz & Chips night in October which was again well supported. This will now become an annual event by popular request. The children had their Christmas visit from Father Christmas, and thoroughly enjoyed the parties held by the PTA with each child taking home a small gift and this year; we were also able to buy new decorations for the Village Hall!!! The Christmas raffle was well supported and we had a number of generous prize donations from local businesses and parents. Unfortunately, the Dinner Dance that we planned for March this year had to be cancelled, as not enough tickets were sold to make it a viable event - perhaps we will try again next year, but keep the event within the village as this is regarded as the most popular venue. The PTA purchased new playground toys earlier in the year for the children which were a great success. We recently held our ever popular Chocolate Bingo, which as hoped raised a good profit for PTA funds which all goes to help our continued support of events such as the Arts, Sports and Science Weeks held by the school. We are hoping to hold a disco at the school in May as a bit of light relief from the SATS exams that are being taken during the month! Good luck everyone! This year the PTA will not be holding the usual Village Summer Event, but instead will be holding a Summer Raffle in conjunction with the School Fete. This is not the end of the summer event; we are just taking a small break and will be back next year. Once again - thank you to everyone for your continued support and we look forward to being able to report a successful 2010/2011 next year.

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A request was put forward that the dates of events held by the various village organisations often clashed and as a result all groups were the losers as the attendance is divided across more than one event that day. It was suggested that before booking a date for an event that the groups should check the calendar on the website to see if another event has already been arranged for that particular day.

Councillor Slater mentioned the improvements to the Village Hall had transformed the building as a venue from it being very tired and run down and is now very spectacular.

Thanks were given to Hazel Wilcox for all the hard work she has done to obtain the various grants to make the refurbishment possible.

Carolyn Stops thanked everyone for making her feel so welcome in Barrow and she was wished all the very best for her new position in September.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed: .....

Chairman/Vice Chairman

Date: .....