

Note of the Annual Parish Meeting
26th April 2006

The 2006 Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Windmill Centre on 26th April and was attended by 29 people. The Chairman presented his overview of the years' activities and then introduced Roger Davis, Community Development Officer for Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association. Mr Davis made a presentation entitled SUGAs not ASBOs. A discussion period followed this presentation where the following points were made:

- It was considered a good idea that any additional seating for young people should be in a place where they can see what's going on and also be seen.
- Mr Davis was asked what the main thing was that is currently missing for youngsters in Deddington. Mr Davis said that although there is no lack of facilities there is nothing for youngsters to do in the middle of the village. Most things are based at the Windmill Centre. It was suggested that the young people be asked whether they want anything to be relocated. It was also suggested that the Castle Grounds could potentially be used.
- It was suggested that the young people be asked if they would like some form of interesting seating on the grass area of the Market Square – possibly made from re-cycled materials.
- Mr Davis suggested that a woodsman be employed to bring an old tree trunk into the play area and make some furniture with the kids, thereby making that trunk 'their' tree. This activity should be advertised beforehand to stimulate interest. It would cost very little but should get the youngsters involved and is also a good form of recycling. Similar activities could also be undertaken using old pallets.

There then followed a question and answer session, the main points being as follows:

Q. What is happening to clear up the mess left down Earl's Lane?

A. The highways department of the County Council has been asked to come and reinstate the area.

Q. Can the area by the Post Box be paved?

A. This is already in hand.

Q. What was being done about the shortfall in Parish Council nominations?

A. The Parish Council (PC) is quorate and can co-opt 6 people. Therefore the PC is letting people know that there are vacancies and trying to encourage people to come forward if they are interested in being co-opted.

Q. What is the date by which people have to express their interest in co-option?

A. The close of Friday 12th May 2006.

Q. The litter bin at the Tay Gateway is lopsided – can anything be done to rectify this?

A. This was the result of BT ruining it 6 months ago. Not much can now be done unless a bar is put in front of it.

Q. Could the litter bin on the green be moved right outside the Co-op?

A. A good idea but unfortunately not possible as it would block the footpath.

Q. The castle grounds have deteriorated over the last 12 months. What's happening with regard to the tending and grass cutting of this area?

A. Nothing further can be done until the Parish Plan has been analysed.

Q. When and how will the Parish Plan be reported upon?

A. It will be serialised in the Deddington News and via Deddington on-line. Some copies will also be available in the library. However the final plan will take time to develop and may not be ready until the end of the year.

Q. How many people sent in a completed Parish Plan questionnaire?

A. A total of 295 households submitted a completed questionnaire – roughly 1/3rd

The Chairman thanked the Parish Councillors and staff members for their hard work during the Year, Roger Clark for making his presentation and the audience for taking the time to attend. The meeting closed at 09.30pm.

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