

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Burton Overy
Parish Council held on 14th May 2007 in the Village Hall at
8.00 p.m..

Present at the meeting were Councillors P Stephens, B Pollard, F Brown
and J Swain. Apologies were received from Councillor M Pollard. Two
members of the public attended for part of the Meeting

1. The Clerk took the chair. The Councillors present signed Declarations of Acceptance.
2. **Election of Officers** Councillor B Pollard proposed Councillor P Stephens as chairman, seconded by Councillor J Swain and carried unanimously. Councillor Stephens then took the Chair. Councillor J Swain then proposed Councillor B Pollard as Vice-chairman, seconded by Councillor F Brown and carried unanimously. In accepting the Chairmanship, Councillor Stephens stated that it was his intention to serve as Chairman only for one more year.
3. **Code of Conduct and Register of Interests.** The clerk produced a copy of the Revised Code of Conduct 2007. The adoption by the Council of the new Code was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Pollard and carried unanimously. Copies of the new Register of Interests forms were given to the Councillors with the request that they be completed as soon as possible.
4. **The minutes of the previous meeting** held on 19th February 2007, which had been circulated, were approved and signed.
5. **Matters arising.**
 - a. It was reported that five lights which had been inoperative are now working satisfactorily.
 - b. It was reported that the village website is now operating but that the Directory has not yet been put on.
6. **Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman presented his report.
7. **Financial Matters and Approval of the Accounts.**

The Clerk presented the Accounts to the meeting and , proposed by Councillor Swain, seconded by Councillor Brown, the Accounts were approved.
8. **Asset Valuation.**

The Clerk drew attention to the fact that the Council's Assets, consisting entirely of Street lights, are said to be valued at replacement cost. This is not the case, the valuation is in fact based on historic cost. It was agreed that this should be corrected.

9. Planning Matters.

- c. The council noted that Planning Permission for the proposed development by Mr Pollard on Scotland Lane has been refused.
- d. Several Councillors queried whether the changes to Curlieu Cottage were consistent with the Planning Consent. The bricks used, which some thought inappropriate, were actually specifically approved by HDC. It is understood that the chimney will be reinstated.
- e. A query has been raised about the stone crushing operation on Mayns Lane, in particular whether the activity exceeds the permitted level. The Council believes that there are probably no restrictions on, for example, the extent and timing of movement of lorries, but that the effective restrictions on stone crushing activity need to be checked..

10. Any other business.

- a. The Chairman reported that the printer of the News Letter, Mrs Cattermoul, is no longer able to do this, and that a new printer, at somewhat greater expense has been found. The Chairman had personally paid the first of these charges, On a motion by Councillor Pollard, seconded by Councillor Brown, it was agreed that publication of the News Letter should continue at the greater cost, and that the Chairman should be reimbursed for the payment he has made.
- b. Street lighting. A discussion about the improvement of the lighting was held. At some time in the future some of the 18 wooden posts will need to be replaced. The metal wall mounted lights will probably only need to be replaced if legislation requires it.. There was no general agreement on whether the Council should agree to existing lights being improved at the expense of private individuals. The times at which the lights come on were commented upon. It was felt that it would be acceptable to reduce the time for which the lights are on by the use of light cells as well as time switches. Councillor Swain will investigate this. It was commented that while this may reduce the amount of electricity used it is unlikely to reduce the cost of our unmetered supply.
- c. Councillor Brown asked that consideration be given to the production of a Village Design Statement. Such a statement would set

out the village's expectations for everyone to see. It was agreed that the matter be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

11. Dates of meetings.

Meetings are proposed on Monday 20 August 2007

Monday 10 December 2007

Monday 18 February 2008

Monday 12 May 2008

12. The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.