

Environment & Conservation	10	10*	0	0	1	1
Business & Employment	4	4	0	0	0	0
Housing	1	1*	0	0	0	0
Education & Learning	1	1	0	0	1	1
Community, Sports & Leisure	9	9*	0	0	0	0
Places of Worship	3	3	0	0	0	0
Health	5	5	0	0	0	0
Safety & Crime	3	3	0	0	0	0
Numbers	47	47	1	1	4	4
Percentages	90%	90%	2%	2%	8%	8%

At this point in the meeting Cllr Parr invited parishioners to ask any questions they might have.

One parishioner asked if the Parish Council accounts are available to the public and was advised that they are and an Income & Expenditure overview of the 2011/12 accounts would also be printed in the Annual Report to be published in the June edition of Village VOICE.

9. CO-OPTION OF TWO PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE POND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Robert Norman proposed and Cllr G Wilson seconded that Mrs Ann Biggs and Mr Mike Smith should be re-elected for the coming year. All agreed.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The matter of the Groundsman contract was raised by Cllr Norman and some discussion followed. Cllr Parr advised that the tender process for the contract had been conducted in a legal manner and in the same way that it had been always been conducted since the first contract was awarded. The decision had been made in an open Parish Council meeting with members of the public in attendance. Cllr Tindall pointed out that on the three previous occasions when the contract had come up for tender it had been uncontested but on this occasion two other bids were submitted in addition to that of Robert Howard's. All aspects of the award had been considered, i.e. cost, appropriate and available equipment, experience, etc., and it had been a very difficult decision to make but taking into account the Council's responsibility to all of its parishioners and best value for public money they had been unable to award it to Robert Howard on this occasion. The Parish Council has absolute respect and appreciation of the loyalty and past service of Robert and Cllr G Wilson proposed that a public thank you to Robert be made in Village VOICE. Cllr Parr seconded and all agreed.

Cllr G Wilson advised that under the localism bill the Parish Council is looking into taking over the emptying of all bins in the parish.

Hilary Kemp would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to volunteer to help at Blossoms & Bygones.

There being no further business Cllr Parr thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.08pm.


17/4/13