

# Effingham Parish Council



EFFINGHAM

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Effingham held in the King George V Hall, Browns Lane, on Wednesday 23 April 2003**

- Present:** Mrs Page, Chairman of Effingham Parish Council, in the Chair  
13 local government electors including 5 Parish Councillors;  
Mr Crouch the retiring Clerk, and the Clerk to the Parish Council
- Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 April 2002 were approved and signed.
- Chairman's Report** This had been circulated throughout the Village, was presented to the meeting and adopted – copy attached to these minutes. Mrs Page drew attention to recent legislation on the Declaration of Interests. She regretted the resignation of two Parish Councillors before the recent election, whose positions were still vacant. The Parish Council had also been very sorry to lose Mr Crouch on his recent retirement; he was applauded by all present.
- Matters raised at the meeting**
- Barnes Wallis Close:** This will soon be fully occupied. Mrs Hogger confirmed that Mountgreen Housing Association is aware of, and working hard to resolve, 'snagging' issues.
- Norwood Close:** Conditions of the planning permission were still being discussed, but building work will soon begin.
- Mobile phone masts:** Mrs Page confirmed that current applications for two additional masts on Beech Avenue and High Barn Rd were being opposed by the Parish Council and going to appeal. The vulnerability of land adjacent to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty caused concern, as with the recent sale of land at Outdowns / Sheepleas.
- Effingham and Hooke Commons:** Mrs Page confirmed that Guildford Borough Council had purchased these, and a 'Friends' group had been set up chaired by Mr Crouch. The first AGM will be 14 May 2003. In response to a question from Mrs Henry, it was confirmed that the Parish Council has no control over the owners of manorial waste.
- Golden Jubilee Day:** This had been a great success. Additional grants for playing equipment were still being sought.
- Future of KGV Hall:** in response to a question from Mr Henry, the KGV Committee of Management Treasurer, Mr Driscoll, explained that in principle the Committee of Management would like to rebuild the Hall, but had decided it must first be shown that the KGV can run on a commercial basis. In response to a question from Mr Helps he agreed it was intended to reduce the subsidy requested from the village precept, but maintenance costs were so high this had not been possible. Effingham residents contributed through the rates, but did not tend to use any of the other income-generating facilities; most income came from non-residents. Mr Nicholls confirmed that discussions were being held with users of the site to assess whether they could pay more. Mrs Page confirmed that the Parish Council is a Custodian Trustee of the Charity, which means that it may not intervene in the day-to-day management of the KGV Hall and Playing Fields.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.