

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR THE PARISH OF EFFINGHAM  
HELD IN THE KING GEORGE V HALL, BROWNS LANE, EFFINGHAM,  
AT 8PM ON TUESDAY 22 APRIL 2004**

- Present Mrs Page, Chairman of Effingham Parish Council, in the Chair  
12 Local government electors including 6 Parish Councillors
- Apologies Cllr Liz Hogger
- Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23 April 2003 were approved and signed.
- Chairman's Report for 2003-4 This had been circulated through the village, was presented to the Meeting and adopted – copy attached to these Minutes.
- Matters raised at the Meeting
- Yew Tree Walk  
Mr Pat Thomas described conflicting views over the ownership of the verge, path and lay-by along The Street in front of these properties, which was affecting repair of the damaged road surface and muddy verge. Mrs Page advised residents to ask County Councillor Bill Barker for support. Mr Cornwell suggested consulting Land Registry records. It was agreed to put this issue on the Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting. Mr Thomas thanked the Chair.
- New Marsh Farm  
Mr Keith Cornwell pointed out the increasing eyesore caused by the expansion of scrap and other businesses close to the Effingham parish boundary. While reluctant to interfere in East Horsley matters, he suggested Effingham Parish Council might contact Planning Enforcement. Mrs Page felt planning restrictions placed on the site by SCC are probably being infringed. It was agreed to put this on the agenda of the next Parish Council Meeting.
- Effingham Common Road  
Mr Francis Helps asked which authority is responsible for, first, the drains, and secondly the gutter-sweeping, since the sweepers block the drains. Mr Driscoll said that both are Surrey County Council's responsibility, but the sweeping is done on their behalf by Guildford Borough. Mrs Page agreed that the state of both this service and the verge-cutting caused continual concern. She urged people to write to the authority. It was agreed the Clerk should write another letter and the issue will be put on the next Parish Council Agenda. It was agreed surface water drainage caused problems generally.
- Litter  
Mrs Isobel Cameron wished to know whether bins could be put in the churchyard and / or the KGV wooded area. All lamented the scale of the problem, and agreed it seemed worse recently. Mrs Page pointed out that the owners of these sites would have to provide and empty bins. It was agreed to put the item on the next Parish Council Agenda.
- Plastic recycling  
Mr Thomas asked whether this facility might be reinstated somewhere in reach of the village. Mr Driscoll said the KGV Hall had agreed to have a bin, but it had not appeared. Mr Helps believed GBC could not find a specialist contractor to provide the service.
- Mr Helps proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair.