

**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 19 APRIL 2005**

- Present Alison Mouser, Chairman of Effingham Parish Council, in the Chair  
22 Local government electors including 9 Parish Councillors
- Apologies Mrs Barbara Henry sent her apologies.
- Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22 April 2004 were approved and signed.
- Chairman's Report for 2004-5 This had been circulated through the village, was presented to the Meeting and approved – copy attached to these Minutes. Ms Mouser congratulated Cllr James Nicholls on his achievement of 14 years unbroken attendance at Parish Council meetings, and Cllr Keith Cornwell on nearly 26 years service to the Parish Council. Members of the audience showed their appreciation.
- Matters raised at the Meeting
- Effingham Common  
Mr Tony Page referred to a part of the Common which he said was being enclosed; he asked what position the Parish Council has on this. Following discussion about the law relating to commons, Mrs Jessica Page pointed out that Surrey County Council had admitted that the law was being broken, and had the power to act if the commoners themselves could not. She asked whether, in this situation, the Parish Council would write to ask if they would take action. Ms Mouser agreed the Parish Council will write.
- Safer Roads  
Mr Clive Mott was concerned that, at the recent village meeting, groups had overruled the voices of residents of Crossways and Church Street because they were comparatively so few in number. Ms Mouser reassured him that no options had yet been ruled out – all the responses were being analysed.
- Newmarsh Farm  
Mr Keith Cornwell reported that, since mentioning this at the last Parish Meeting, the site now looked tidier but was even larger. Ms Mouser described the work being done in conjunction with other parishes to try to improve the enforcement service. She agreed that a joint approach with East Horsley to Surrey County Council concerning illegal dumping might be helpful.
- Footway, Effingham Common Road  
Mr Francis Helps pointed out the dangerous state of the footway – cracked and subsiding along a considerable length. It was agreed this would be reported to Highways again.
- Yew Tree Walk  
Mr Pat Thomas asked for an update. Ms Mouser explained that SCC had acknowledged ownership of a section of the roadside lay-by. However, the section of road in front of and to the side of Corner Cottage was privately owned and part of that property. Each property privately owned the section of footway in front of their property.
- Plastic recycling  
Mrs Shirley Horn asked when there will be a plastic recycling facility in Effingham. Sites at Burpham, Slyfield and Randalls Road Leatherhead were mentioned, but Mrs Hogger said Guildford Borough Council remained frustrated that Surrey County Council would not put this facility in place.
- Speed monitoring  
Mr Lewis Miles welcomed the sight of PCSOs with speed guns in The Street given the dangerous driving he encountered, but questioned whether the PCSOs were prosecuting anyone. Ms Mouser pointed out the Police would not be willing to answer this for tactical reasons. Mr Nicholls explained that first they monitor, then, if the need is proven, they do 'enforcement'; recently they have been doing both. Mrs Karen Clappiton welcomed the greater police presence but remarked on the pressure from other motorists to go over the limit.
- Speed limit, Beech Avenue  
Mrs Nakkas asked about the situation regarding the speed limit on Beech Avenue. Mr Wetenhall explained that the County's new speed management policy will come before Surrey County Council on 7 June and is likely to be approved. The proposal for the 30mph limit will be put to the Local Committee in July, and, it is hoped, agreed. It must then be advertised and implemented. The promised signage has been installed and edge-marking with white lines is underway.
- Mr Francis Helps proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the meeting closed at 8.45.