

**MINUTES OF THE 115th ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE PARISH OF EFFINGHAM
HELD AT THE KING GEORGE V HALL, BROWN'S LANE
AT 8PM ON TUESDAY 13th APRIL 2010**

Present	Arnold Pindar, Chairman of Effingham Parish Council, in the chair 24 local government electors
Apologies	Cllrs Anthony Clark, Terry Driscoll, Liz Hogger and Ian Symes.
Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2009 were approved and signed.
Matters Arising	There were no Matters Arising.
Chairman's report 2009-10	<p>This had been circulated throughout the village and was presented to the meeting. A copy is attached to these Minutes. The Chairman particularly drew attention to the following:</p> <p><i>Effingham Village Recreational Trust</i> The new Trustees had taken over from the KGV Trustees and were making excellent progress so far; residents were encouraged to support them in any way they can. Village Day will be on 26 June.</p> <p><i>Planning</i> The Parish Council's approach was not to be drawn into matters of tiny detail, but to try to ensure that proposed development would be in tune with the village ethos. Traffic issues on Beech Avenue since the move of St Teresa's prep school to the site on Effingham Hill were still being followed up. The Parish Council had objected to an application for intensifying redevelopment of the Grove House site.</p> <p><i>Highways and Transport</i> The 7.5 ton weight restriction along Effingham Common Road and The Street had been temporarily suspended to allow work on Forest Road bridge. This was a very big civil engineering project for Surrey. There were still concerns about the route of the pedestrian footway over the new bridge. Issues relating to HGVs and their sites affecting Effingham residents were being investigated in various locations. Members of the public who would like to adopt a Public Footpath or Bridleway to monitor would be very welcome.</p> <p><i>Effingham Common</i> The Friends of Effingham Common, along with the Borough and Parish Councils, will be holding a celebratory day on 26 September.</p> <p><i>Allotments</i> These are well used and apologies are offered to those still on the waiting list.</p> <p><i>Home Farm Estate</i> The Borough Councillor (Liz Hogger) has invested a huge amount of work in trying to improve matters for residents, and avert potentially damaging effects of the SE Plan.</p> <p><i>Police and Safety</i> The Parish Council and the Police Community Support Officer are in close touch. There are relatively few instances of anti-social behaviour but these are a nuisance and give cause for concern. Litter is a considerable problem which has been raised with the Howard of Effingham School again lately.</p> <p><i>Parish Precept</i> This covers two major costs and comparatively little else: the grant to EVRT and the Clerk's salary.</p>
Questions and comments from the floor	<p><u>Litter bins</u> Residents asked whether another litter bin could be sited near the sub-station on Orestan Lane. The Clerk will request one.</p> <p><u>St Teresa's:</u> <i>Transport</i> A resident asked whether St Teresa's was still using the 50-seater coach, which they had promised to withdraw. The Clerk will enquire.</p> <p><i>School entrance</i> A resident asked about the condition on the planning consent about changes to the entrance to improve visibility. It was explained that the school had successfully applied to have the condition lifted following the change in speed limit. Potholes in the bell-mouth are very severe and there was a question over whether this was the School's or Surrey County Council's responsibility.</p>
Report on Henry Smith's Charity	Michael Bray explained that the four Effingham Trustees comprised one from each church and one from the Parish Council. Funds come via a major charity based in London which mostly supports medical research. The Effingham branch of Smith's receives approx. £3k per year to distribute, which was not a huge amount but could help. At present there is £4.5k in hand which the Trustees would like to use. Vouchers are distributed at Christmas for spending in local shops. Grants are not means-tested. Applicants are visited by two Trustees. If anyone wanted to apply for a grant they should contact Michael himself or the Parish Clerk

**Effingham
Emergency
Planning Group**

Cllr Pindar reported that this was progressing slowly, on the basis of strengthening neighbourly contact which was a useful resource at all times, not just an emergency. The Clerk would be writing to village organisations shortly.

**Matters raised
from the floor**

Anti-social behaviour

Cllr Nicholls raised the problem of collecting information from villagers on issues which caused them problems. It had been decided to try a new scheme which might be more time-effective for the police than the relatively poorly-attended Neighbourhood Panel meetings.

Helicopters

A resident raised the issue of increasing numbers of helicopters in the Ranmore / AONB area, not only over-flying at anti-social hours but also persistent hovering above fields very close houses. Audience members present suggested that these could come from Phoenix Farm (Bookham Road on the way to Polesden Lacey), or be Chinooks back from Afghanistan, or en-route from Fairoaks to Chobham. The Clerk will investigate further.

Vote of thanks

Cllr Pindar offered a vote of thanks to his fellow councillors for all their hard work in the past and for the year to come, and to the Clerk.

Local history

The meeting was followed by a presentation by Carolyn Felton, on metal detecting and her discoveries in Effingham. Cllr Pindar thanked her for her talk which was on a most interesting and 'different' topic.