

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF BURTON
LATIMER TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT BURTON LATIMER
TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES ON 12TH MAY 2009**

Present: *Councillors: D. Zanger (Town Mayor), P. Bettles (Deputy Town Mayor), M. Evans, C.R. Groome, D. Gunn, H. Fry, M. Jerram, J. Smith, S.M. Walden*

County Councillor: C. Lamb

05/09/2444 Apologies

Apologies were received from Town Councillors J. Garnett (unavoidable work commitment), C. Groome (unavoidable work commitment), F. Macdonald (Holiday) and approved by the Town Council.

05/09/2445 Minutes of the APM 13th May 2008

The minutes of the meeting on 13th May 2008 were approved on 3rd June 2008.

05/09/2446 Town Mayor's Retiring Speech – Councillor Derek Zanger

“In May last year I took up the office of Town Mayor for the 3rd time. I was honoured that my fellow Councillors put their trust in me once again. Although the present Councillors have been in position for two years there has been a lot to learn and there have been training courses to attend. This year has been a challenging time for all and they have risen to the challenge and have played a full part in the years work. I am grateful that this year I have been able to call upon the support of the Chairs of the sub-committees and I thank them most sincerely. The Council has been working on a number of projects this year. Some are on-going and will come to fruition over the next year. Some of the projects which have been completed include:

*The refurbishment of the town notice boards.
A new bench in Higham road.
The painting and repair of the railings around millennium gardens.
Replacement of the Clock on the Council building.
Refurbishment of the exterior of the Council building.
New Flag pole and block paving around.
Representation on the Joint Action Group Safer Communities Team
Planting of saplings in the pocket park
20 mph speed limit in High Street
Mobile VAS sign
A Sports & Leisure and shop Survey have been completed.*

Of course there are many more, however one of the most important is the development of the Web Site that will continue to expand to include more about what happens in the town.

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We have held a number of public meetings regarding planning and we have had some success in having had Hogs hollow and Finedon Road withdrawn; however Pioneer Ave has been withdrawn temporally and is likely to return. The conservation area is hopefully going to be extended and a consultation document is about to be published.

At this point I would like to thank George Sneddon, our Clerk, for his support this year. Without his considerable contribution much of the list which I have just read out would not have been completed.

We cannot overlook the demands on time that being a Councillor involves. When also working full time, it can sometimes be difficult to attend meetings and take an active part in the work of the Council.

Youth activities in the town is an area we are developing at present. Volunteers are invited from anyone who feels they have something to give.

I will conclude by thanking all Councillors for their efforts this year to ensure that Burton Latimer continues to be desirable place to live”.

05/09/2447 Public Participation

None

There being no further items for discussion, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.10 p.m.