

# TREETON PARISH COUNCIL.

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH OF TREETON HELD IN THE READING ROOMS, FRONT STREET, TREETON ON MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2010 AT 6.30 p.m.

### Present.

Councillor J.F. Swift, Chairman of the Parish Council, presided over an attendance of 10 persons, including 4 members of the Parish Council.

### Welcome.

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present to the Annual Assembly.

### Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Assembly held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 were distributed by the clerk and approved as a true record by Councillors D. Whysall and G.E. Payne

### Accounts.

The clerk presented a summary of the financial statement for the year ended 31st March 2010. This was accepted by the meeting.

### Chairman's Report.

I am pleased to be able to report another significant and successful year for Treeton Parish Council.

This year has seen the launch of the Parish Council Newsletter. There has now been three editions and it is planned that there will be four editions each year. Many thanks must go to Councillor Ms Jennie Swift who has overseen the editorial side of the Newsletter and the Clerk for his input.

The Parish Council launched its new website last summer which has proved to be a tremendous success. I have to say that without the commitment and hard work of our Parish Clerk we would not have such a successful site. Continuing the Parish Councils openness and transparency, the site contains minutes of all monthly council meetings, accounts and policies.

The latest version of the Parish Plan has now been completed and is available for inspection both in the Reading Rooms and is available electronically off the Parish Council website.

The Parish Council whilst being small in comparison to some continues to lead in some areas. The Television License Scheme, providing a grant for the elderly towards the cost of their Licence Fee is the only such scheme in the Borough. Two evenings per week at the village Youth Club are also funded by the Parish Council, again the only Parish Council in the Borough to provide these facilities.

This year has also seen the continued partnership working with Rotherham M.B.C. and the provision of a Footpaths Officer. Funding from both Rotherham M.B.C. and the Rother Valley West Area Assembly has resulted in significant improvements in the footpaths and bridleways in and around the village. All of these are now readily accessible for those walking around the village and its surrounding woodlands.

Working in Partnership with the Borough Council, this year has seen the opening of new playground facilities in Washfield Lane for the youngsters of the village. A vast improvement on the previous facilities and enjoyed by all those who have visited the playground since.

Working in Partnership with the Area Assembly this year has seen the opening of the Cyber Café in the village. Again Treeton is leading in the Borough with the provision of computer facilities and internet access for those in the village. Initial courses have been run and further courses are planned for the coming months.

Unfortunately this year also saw the Parish Council lose its Community Capacity Officer Michael Fellowes to bigger and better things. The Parish Council took the decision not to replace him at that time and have used the funds precepted for him to make necessary and much needed repairs and improvements to the Parish Reading Rooms. These included new tables and chairs, replacement ceiling, replacement windows and door and improvements to the electrics of the building.

Our village continues to be kept neat and tidy and a big thank you for that must go to Ray Bolton our Village Handyman and Footpaths Officer Ian Mason. Both these two have contributed significantly to the appearance of the village.

Appreciation must also be made of the efforts and continued support I have received off the clerk of the council Chris Brown.

Finally, mention must be given to my Borough Council colleague Georgina Boyes who is retiring at the end of this month. As a Borough Councillor, she has worked tirelessly for the village during her period of office, and I think I speak on behalf of the whole council when I offer her our sincere thanks and appreciation and hope that she has a long and enjoyable retirement.

**Any Other Business.**

There was no other business.

**Closure of Meeting.**

At this point and having no further business, the Chairman thanked all those present and declared the meeting closed.

**Chairman:**

**Date:**