

# *East Tuddenham Parish Assembly*

East Tuddenham Parish Assembly and Parish Council A.G.M. was held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May '11 when Mrs. Hickling, the retiring Chairman, welcomed County Councillor B. Borrett, District Councillors P. Claussen and B. Rose, members of the new Parish Council, all presenters of reports and members of the public.

The minutes of the previous meeting held last year were read and after one alteration were signed by the Chairman, this after their adoption was proposed by Mrs. Shrimpling and seconded by Miss Barrett.

The Chairman then gave her Annual Report in which she stated that the minutes of every meeting are now available on the village website and the minute book itself being kept by the clerk. The Local Development Framework had established a boundary for housing in the village with two sites only being available for future expansion. The Low Cost Houses were well on the way and it is hoped that they could be occupied later this year. She thanked the Parish Councillors for all their hard work and dedication during the past year and singled out Jackie Fane and Chris Anderson who had now retired, saying that their input would be greatly missed. She also thanked the clerk who was also retiring and who was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The clerk presented the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011, which had already been adopted by the Parish Council.

County Councillor Bill Borrett then listened to the views and concerns of the people present regarding speeding in the village especially at the bend where many accidents had occurred. It was felt that although the Police had visited the village to monitor speeding they had not been here at the appropriate time, i.e. rush hour, also the Highways Department at County Hall did not take the problem seriously enough. Mr. Borrett promised to raise all these matters with the Highways Department.

Mr. Cram gave a report on the work of the Charities' Committee and said that all the cottages were occupied and two more already had central heating and it was hoped that the others would follow suit at a later date. The Charity field in Common Road was let for grazing and the riverside meadow would soon have Highland cattle installed as part of the management scheme, also not all the allotments were let.

The Clerk read a short report from Earthsea House, which stated that there were 8 children at Earthsea and 5 at Merrywood within an age range of 8-15. There is a current Ofsted rating of Good for both houses. The children in the school had planted over 1000 bulbs in the village.

Mr. Hickling read a report from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee who stated that this is his last year as Chairman and Secretary. There had been a number of changes during the past year including making a profit, which enabled the purchase of a new industrial cooker. New play equipment had been installed and various people were thanked for their help in this task. Debbie Skerten was thanked for her work in organising the book club also Nick Skerten, the treasurer, and all members of the committee.

Mr. Winchester spoke about the charities that the Church was involved in especially the Food Bank, which provided groceries for needy families in Norfolk. Shoeboxes filled with toys were sent abroad every Christmas and other charities were provided with money. A Service was held every Sunday and a do-it-yourself Service was held on the last Sunday of the month.

Mr. Cooper, a Governor of Easton School, outlined what had been happening in the past year and said that Hockering School wished to join the federation they already had with Great Witchingham. There would now be one Executive Head Teacher for all three schools as well as one governing body. A new pre-school has opened in a room attached to the school building and this is being run by Barford pre-school. A log cabin has been purchased and is being used as a library and meeting room. More extensions to the building are being considered for when the village starts to grow again. A letter had been received from Ofsted

saying that as the school was doing so well another inspection would not take place for another year at least.

District Councillors Brian Rose and Paul Claussen then gave a short statement on Breckland Council and said that now that it shared a chief executive with New Holland it had halved its management expenses and all the money saved went on front line services. It also had the lowest Council Tax in the country.

Mrs. Hickling thanked all the contributors and closed the meeting.

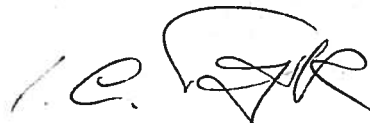
#### Parish Council Annual General Meeting

#### Election of Officers:-

Chairman: Mr. Ian Payter proposed by Mrs. Shrimpling and seconded by Miss Barrett

Vice Chairman: Miss Barrett proposed by Mr. Guy and seconded by Mrs. Shrimpling.

Both duly elected.



CHAIRMAN

6/6/2012