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Minutes of the Pudding Norton **Annual Parish Meeting** which was held on **Thursday 31st May 2012 at 7.30pm** at **Fakenham Sports Centre, (The Dining Room), Fakenham Racecourse.**

Followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council and then the Full Parish Council Meeting.

Present:- Sheila Robson (Chairman), Mike Ainger, Andrew Blyth & John Tuck.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 3.

1. **WELCOME** by the Chairman Mrs Sheila Robson.
2. **APOLOGIES** for absence were received and *accepted* from Cllr Christopher Hartop (*work*).
3. It was *proposed & agreed* that “the **MINUTES** from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th June 2011 are signed as a true record.”
4. **PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT** – by Mrs Sheila Robson, Chairman.

This year is one in which several issues have arisen, but unfortunately many have not been resolved. I am hopeful that by next year I shall be able to tell you more of our successes. However, we have had positive results in some areas.

After much consultation with the Police a Homewatch Scheme was set up in Parklands, and this is now up and running. A similar scheme for Green Lane was mooted, but insufficient interest was shown in this; I am hopeful that organisers can be found and this will be taken up by residents in the future.

The notice board in Dereham Road collapsed, so a new one was made for us.

The dog bin in Green Lane was removed last year as it was felt that the cost could not be justified, however, dog fouling has continued to be a problem, often by unaccompanied dogs, and it is suggested that a large notice can be put up, advising people that this is illegal, and the fines involved, in the hope that this will alleviate the problem. (NB. This land is not owned by the Parish Council.)

It was reported that only two fire hydrants in Parklands were working, and after much pressure from the Parish Council and other people this disgraceful situation has now been remedied, and I am pleased to report that all the fire hydrants in Parklands are now working fully.

Unfortunately we have had less success with the play area which was mooted for land on the west side of Parklands. Whilst the residents are keen for this to be installed, and have even

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cleared the land so that this can happen, we have had nothing but obstruction and delay from the District Council and because of this we have missed various opportunities of outside funding for this project. Fortunately our District Councillor, Becky Palmer, has taken a keen interest in this project, and I hope I am not being too optimistic in saying I hope this will be resolved by the time of my next report.

The area opposite 1 Dereham Road has long been an eye-sore with dilapidated garages and overgrown vegetation. Permission was applied for to build garages with four flats over, and this proposal was supported by the Parish Council. Unfortunately North Norfolk District Council opposes this plan as it is not an area designated for residential development; this issue is on-going, and I hope it will soon be resolved.

Lorries turning in to the sewage works off Dereham Road have been causing a considerable nuisance which seems likely to be exacerbated by the large development north of Rudham Stile Lane in Fakenham. There is a traffic hazard as the lorries have to go over to the right-hand side of the road to turn, and a great deal of dust is generated in dry weather. This issue is also on-going.

In conclusion I wish to thank all the members of the Parish Council for their support through the year, and also to thank our Clerk, Tracey Bayfield for all her work on our behalf.

5. **COMMUNITY GROUP** reports.
6. **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** was not required.

Meeting closed.

Chairman _____