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Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting for Pudding Norton** which was held on **Thursday 30th June 2011 at 7.30pm** at **Fakenham Sports Centre, (The Dining Room), Fakenham Racecourse.**

Present:- Mrs Sheila Robson (Chairman), Christopher Hartop, Mike Ainger (Parish Cllrs), David Callaby (County Cllr) & 4 members of Public.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

1. **WELCOME** by the Chairman Mrs Sheila Robson.
2. **APOLOGIES** for absence were received from – Cllr John Tuck and Cllr Andrew Blyth.
3. It was *proposed & agreed* that “the **MINUTES** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2nd May 2010 are signed as a true record.”
4. **PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT** – by Mrs Sheila Robson, Chairman was read as follows;

I will start my report at the end of the year rather than at the beginning, as our Clerk, Dave Siseman, finally resigned after threatening to do so for many months. He was a stalwart of the Parish for many years and we are all very grateful for the work he has done for the Parish and his help to the Council.

After interviewing three candidates we agreed that Tracey Bayfield be offered the job which I am delighted to say she accepted, and she has been working hard for us since February.

During the year our District Councillor, Dawn Wakefield, has been ill and has now resigned and been replaced by Becky Palmer at the May elections. Dawn will be missed by us as she often attended our meetings and was a liaison not only with the District Council but also with Hempton Parish Council.

Following concerns about the slipperiness of Green Lane during the cold spell in December, a grit bin has been installed at the junction of the A1065 and Tittleshall road, for the use of residents if necessary.

The dog bin in Green Lane was used very little as the dog walkers are local residents, and it was felt that the cost could not be justified so, after comments were invited and notice given, it was removed.

A Homewatch Scheme for Green Lane was mooted and some interest was shown, but no-one seemed willing to run it; we are however continuing in our efforts to set up this scheme.

I have joined the Fakenham Speed-Watch Scheme, and we have twice checked the speed of vehicles on Dereham Road. However, as no action can be taken unless vehicles exceed 47 miles per hour, and as drivers were clearly warned of our presence, we did not clock any speeders on either occasion. I do not feel that any lasting good comes from this exercise.

Fakenham Air Scouts have taken over land off Dereham Road, between the vets' premises and the sewage works. They are clearing the land and organising areas for various activities. When electricity and water are laid on, they are willing for local people to use their facilities if they are available.

We felt it necessary to raise the precept for the Parish. It has stood at £1500 for four years, and with rising costs it was agreed to raise it to £1650 this year.

In conclusion I would like to thank the members of the Parish Council for their support and enthusiasm during the past year. We have lost Mark Balderstone and Robin Massingham after many years, and I am happy to welcome Michael Ainger and Andrew Blyth onto the Council. Christopher Hartop and John Tuck are continuing as members having been re-elected unopposed. I want also to thank Tracey Bayfield for all her work since her appointment. Thank you all.

5. There were no other **COMMUNITY GROUP** reports.
6. **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** – An update on the salt/grit bin was given, ie. it has just been ordered and we await delivery.

Meeting closed at 7.44pm.

Chairman _____