

Parish Council 2.11.11 John Davis in the Chair, with Janet Graham, and Ray Bradbury in attendance. TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook and P.C. Roger Kitson also present.

Jeremy Bally was affectionately remembered as a former Vice-Chairman of the Council. The Clerk was pleased to report that there is now a **rubbish bin** at the sports field. There was a £75 installation cost, and she would have to move the accumulated rubbish to another bin (capable of being emptied) every two weeks!

The **Electricity Board** had, so far, failed to follow up on their promise to look again at the cost of re-timing our **street lighting**.

The new shelving in the **phone-box library**, said the Chairman, was looking "very nice".

For TVBC, Phil Lashbrook spoke about the "**Showman site**" at Thruxton Down. He had met with the owner who had assured that caravans there were "just for storage": however a close eye was being kept, and this also applied to the field at the Fyfield end of Stanbury Rd. Turning to the subject of the **A303**, where ice caused major worries last winter, he said that there is to be a new regime for treating the roads, which, hopefully, will be much better.

P.C. Kitson spoke about **Speed Watch** a new system whereby residents could get directly involved in countering this menace. The snag was that the necessary equipment costs £3000. **But**, there was every possibility that this could be shared by adjacent parishes. P.C. Kitson emphasised that **educate not prosecute** would be the ethos of the scheme.

He mentioned having issued a "ticket" to someone going up Stanbury Rd. towards the School doing 46mph. "a Kimpton resident".

On **PLANNING**, a decision had been handed down by The INSPECTOR to the effect that the gating etc at **24 Stanbury Rd.** should be accepted and allowed to stay.

The **outline Budget** for 20012/13 was up for scrutiny. John Davis felt that we should freeze costs and avoid any increase in precept. After some discussion, this will be finalised at the December meeting.

Charles Milner -Williams (in absentia) had handed in a report on a meeting concerning control of traffic at the **Co-op Distribution site** which will reach full operational capacity on Feb 12 (currently 250 vehicles a day, going up to **700 per day** at full capacity. Charles felt reassured that Goodman's intend to "adopt rigorous control over site users". He noted that STANNAH have bought the site nearest to the A303, and that Goodman's have applied to have a **Pub** at the Monxton Rd. end of the site.

The closure of the road under the flyover by the White Horse, announced here last month, has been re-scheduled for Jan. 2012.

If any residents are worried about the effects of the forthcoming **total changeover to Digital Television signals** they are very welcome to contact the Clerk, Heather, on 773976 and she will arrange for one of our Councillors to come and assist.

Next meeting, Dec.7th. Public most welcome.

Big Bang. Those of us who live in the vicinity of THE GEORGE were "woken up" just after 8 am on Thurs. 27 October by a mighty explosion and, rushing to doors and windows, saw 20 ft high flames leaping from a vehicle "parked" on the road at May Cottage, the petrol tank having gone up. Several people dialled 999, and a fire engine soon arrived and converted the flames into dense clouds of evil smelling smoke. It appears that Mr. & Mrs. Pike from Surrey were on the 303 but got worried by noises coming from the car. They turned off into our Street. A young resident, Adam, saw sparks / flames coming from the rear of their car, and managed to stop them and get out before disaster struck. He probably saved their lives. The Pikes were soon wrapped in kindness and helpfulness by the many Villagers who got involved. By 11.30 we were just left with a rectangle of burnt tar, carefully marked out by TVBC environmental services, and 20ft of scorched hedge at May Cottage. Given the proximity of thatch to the scene, it is perhaps lucky that there had been a very wet night before this drama.

Christmas Quiz. The Village Assocn. Is sponsoring this year's popular Quiz. Members will be coming round to sell you a quiz sheet for £1 for V.A. funds. Entries to reach John Davis, 8 Lambourne Way by **3rd January**, and the results will be in the Jan. Thruxton Times. First prize is a bottle of House of Commons whisky signed by Sir George Young.

Mosquito. On Sat. 12 Nov. at **Kimpton Hall** at 6. for 6.30pm Peter Henley, display pilot, will give a talk on the De Havilland Mosquito, which was an outstanding British Aircraft of the 2nd World War... how it was conceived, and what it was like to fly. Tickets £8 for adults and £4 for under 12's. , available from Jenny Verity 772827, and Rachel Leslie 771802.

please also note **Project Workshops** have their Christmas Sale on 10th and 11th December.

That's it. iSee you in December.