

Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 8th May 2013

This is the meeting at which the Chairman for the forthcoming year is elected. Owing to the resignation of Mr Royce Batters, Mr David Nuttall was elected Chairman. Members of the Council expressed their thanks to Mr Batters for his services.

It was reported that: The hedgerow at the rear of the Blacksmith's Arms had been trimmed back satisfactorily.

Discussion took place on CEC's amendments to the draft Local Plan. These were all outside the Parish so the Council did not need to take any action regarding these proposals. Borough Cllr Lesley Smetham mentioned that the proposed south west link road between Lyme Green and Broken Cross might well be abandoned. Regarding the closure of the Macclesfield Library Borough Cllr Smetham said that she was not aware of a decision being made by CEC to this effect.

Finance: The final deficit for 2012~2013 was £148.

Concerns were expressed regarding the high cost of the Christmas tree. Cllr Browne reported that the net cost of the environment project for the year had been less than £1,000 thanks to contributions received from two of the landowners.

A planning application for the demolition of No. 40 Church Lane and the erection of a new dwelling of virtually the same footprint and size was recommended for approval by CEC.

Millennium Green Playground Scheme: It was again stated that it would be unlikely for the Council to be asked to contribute towards the capital costs of this venture. The exact annual maintenance costs were thought to be of the order of £500. The playground group were trying to reduce this figure if possible. The Council stated that it would need to receive a costed proposal before committing to the cost of maintenance.

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer: A letter of resignation from Mrs Julie Rawcliffe had been received. The vacancy would be advertised widely in the area.

The date of the next meeting: This was set for Wednesday, 10th July 2013.