



# Tetsworth Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Tetsworth Residents held at 8pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at Tetsworth Memorial Hall

Present Councillors: Jenny Kellond – Chairman  
Hazel Bottone  
Karen Harris  
Martin Redman  
Alan Martin

Officer: Sarah Pullen  
County Councillor: Roger Belson  
District Councillor: Dorothy Brown

Members of the public: 13

1. **Apologies for Absence**

John Thompson, Petra Eden-Parish, Chris Bishop, Paul Silver, Martin Paul.

2. **WELCOME - Annual Report by Parish Council Chairman - Jenny Kellond**

Jenny Kellond welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. As you will see I was returned to the position of chair by the PC at our last meeting. This year we have been lucky enough to engage a very efficient clerk – who has not only lessened what the previous councillors were doing before but now it gets done properly. Welcome to Sarah!

John Thompson, who is unable to be here this evening was also returned to the position of vice chair for the Parish Council. We also had a resignation over the year and Marjorie Sanders has been replaced by Martin Redman. Welcome Martin!

We have had a good and productive year and many outstanding areas of concern have been resolved. I feel we have made strides to improve our link with the villagers.

One of our major areas of work over the past months has been trying to get our village 'garden plot' project up and running. This has been very time consuming for those involved who I thank most sincerely. But at last we have 5 of the 9 plots allocated to various villagers. The whole scenario was postponed by this year's winter weather which prevented clearing and ploughing as we had hoped. But the users of the plots have accepted that they will have a lot more work to put in changing a field untouched for 10 years into useful gardens. Anyone who fancies a challenge to grow their own please contact a PC member.

Work has taken place on the Jitty path to clear a lot of the unnecessary growth and there is still one tree to be removed. Many of the cobbles have been raised by tree roots so that is also another future project.

John is still persuing with the M40 group but progress is slow and not likely to improve with the cuts ahead. John is also on the case of SODC and OCC to get the area at the end of Chiltern View paved. With wet weather and the new heavier dustcarts this is often a large problem.

You will all have noticed the improvements to the Red Lion Footpath and the new bridge over the pond – again a lengthy project but now completed.

We are still awaiting details from Bryants reference the passing over of the footpath to the Green to the PC. However much trimming and replanting has taken place recently because no one wants it to get again into the bad state it was.

The Patch play area is due this year for a new surface of bark. This should be taking place in mid- June. It will be posted and we would appreciate as many helpers as possible for the spreading process. The more help we get the shorter the time needed.

My contact with the village and villagers increases every year and I get great satisfaction in my role as part of this council. The council noticeboard has a list of current councillors and if you have a problem you think we can help with – please call.

### **3. Report from County Councillor – Roger Belson**

Roger was pleased to report that Tetsworth Primary School and going from strength to strength since the federation with John Hampden in Thame. They have had a good OFSTED report and now just need more parents to put their children back into the school. Following cuts announced by the Government today money to Councils will be affected. However, Council Tax is currently 2.75% which is still 1% under inflation. There were no questions.

### **4. Report from District Councillor – Dorothy Brown**

This year the council introduced the new waste collection to 56,000 households, a huge challenge for the council and residents. ~We received a national award for the communication methods to residents. We worked with the contractors for nearly a year prior to the actual start date. Recycling rates have gone from being 48% to over 70% this means less land fill and more money for the council in the form of recycling credits. There were problems to overcome in some parts of the district and we have been discussing these issues with the residents concerned. Then we had the hardest winter with snow causing further problems, but everyone working together enabled us to get back on track and continue the high recycling rates.

Nexus Leisure have taken over the running of our four leisure centres introducing a membership card which means members can use any of our centres activities. We have invested capital money into improving the facilities this will continue in 2010.

Working partnership, we have Go Active which has been well supported plus a sports development officer working with communities to gain sport out in the rural areas.

The Economic Development worked with consultants and three market town partnerships and town councils which means we were able to get SEEDA grants, which the council will match, to enable some work to be carried out in the towns. We are employing three town co-ordinators to help businesses in the market towns.

It is vital that we all do what we can for the local economy that is reasonable and achievable. We are involved in South Vale UK which is Harwell, Culham, Milton Park, OCC, OEP working together to achieve inward investment. This will create more jobs especially taking into consideration all the new houses planned for Didcot and around the district.

The Orchard Centre in Didcot is a great success even in the recession with plans in the pipeline to have further expansion of the town centre. Cornerstone the arts Centre is successful with many events being sold out within days, this means that their financial position is improving.

PCSO's are working well in both the towns and villages. This is a joint project with the police and residents are now aware of their presence. CCTV will be reviewed this coming year as they are partly paid for by the town councils, police and SODC. We need to know if we receive value for money and that our residents feel happy.

Housing, with the national economic situation we have not been able to deliver as many houses as we had expected. However working in partnership with Housing Associations we have built on smaller sites in villages and rural exception sites.

Choice Based Lettings - was introduced, this has been a success in that those requiring homes have been able to bid for properties and have seen the openness of the process.

Planning, there has been a downturn in applications, which again is mainly due to the recession. We have introduced a new process for referrals of minor applications the process means that if a Parish wishes to refer a MINOR application this will mean that the District Councillor will need to work closely with the Parish.

Enforcement cases have reduced dramatically during the year but there are those cases that do take a long time due to the complexity.

The local development framework (LDF) is the new planning system which sets out in the form of a portfolio, the local development documents which collectively deliver the spatial planning strategy for South Oxfordshire District Council's area. The Core Strategy sets out the spatial vision for the local area to 2026 taking into account national and regional plans. The work is ongoing and is due for completion late spring.

Joint Working with the Vale of White Horse District Council has given efficiency savings for both Councils and we now have joint Chief Executive, Directors and Heads of Service, other staff have been amalgamated to save over employment in certain areas.

The Council Tax over the last five years has given an average of 1% increase due to three years of no increase. Once again we are able to have a nil% increase in council tax. This is a very good record and welcomed by the residents of South Oxfordshire.

Once again councillors agreed to no increase in allowances making us one of the lowest paid in the South East.

The Audit Commission has scored us as being one of the top councils in the country. We will continue to strive to be even better over the coming year and achieve value for money.

Q	Will the rubbish bins still be so large if the District Council find they are not needed? I only fill mine every two weeks.
A	The District Council will not change them immediately as it would be too costly. However, I will take your comments back to Council. (DB)
Q	Could I have your view on the condition of the roads.
A	That would really have been a question for the County Councillor. However, there has been a recent change of contractor so there should be a significant improvement now. Potholes can be reported to the Clerk and she will follow through. TPC will also add the Pot Hole number to the website. (DB)

**5. Report from Police Community Support Officer – Jacky Madden**

PUB WATCH: Meetings are held bi-monthly. Tetsworth Sports and Social Club have been members since the end of 2009. The Old Red are still to sign up but have shown an interest. Local social/pub issues are discussed, regular drug swabbing is conducted – ‘Green’ results so far for both PH’s. Banned people details are also shared with Thame and Chinnor.

TETSWORTH CONSULTATION RESULTS: Pleased to report that 37 questionnaires were completed with the overall result being ‘NO ISSUES’. The second is ‘PARKING’ with the third being ‘SPEEDING’. The overall top priority is ‘PARKING’ which the NAG are currently working in partnership to adopt a problem solving approach. I have given an update on parking in Tetsworth to the NAG which outlined the areas, information and actions taken on this issue (Chris HULM, Highways assessment, enforcement, education, patrols etc).

OTHER TETSWORTH CONSULTATION CONCERNS WERE: Drugs, Dog Fouling, ASB, M40 Noise, Police (Lack of), Pot Holes, Straw on Roads, Under Age Drinking, Lack of Youth Facilities.

SID OPS (SPEED CHECKS): The SID device will be deployed around Tetsworth on random checks throughout 2010, letters sent to offenders exceeding 35MPH (in a 30MPH limit). The Parish Council will receive an update and results of the speed checks.

CRIME MAPPING: The number of crimes in the Chinnor Neighbourhood area are down from 16% to 12.3%, compared to the same 3 month period last year.

CRIME TYPES:

Crime	2009	2010
Burglary	3	7
Robbery	2	0
Vehicle Crime	6	5
Violence	14	4
Anti-Social Behaviour	37	27

HAVE YOUR SAY MEETINGS: These are held bi-monthly outside the Memorial Hall, Back Street. The local community are invited to pop along and discuss any issues or concerns they may have.

CHINNOR NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATES: These are submitted every month to the NHPT Co-ordinator, reports on events, crime figures, good news stories, crimes, offenders brought to justice and details of forthcoming meetings. The newsletter is published on the TVP website and are circulated to interested parties (people) i.e. Tetsworth Newsletter, Parish Council Website etc.

NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM UPDATE:

PCSO C9733 - Jacky MADDEN  
PCSO C9422 - Michelle JACQUES  
PC 1665 - Mick GOODENOUGH  
PC (NSO) 4555 - Ian KENT  
PS NHPT SGT5057 - Steve HOOKHAM  
All are contactable on 0845 8 505505.

Q	How many people do you consider speed in the village?
A	It is difficult to do speed checks as I am very visible. When speed checks were done in Sydenham I caught a lot of people as I couldn't be seen. (JM)
Q	When you do SID traps at what point do you set traps that can lead to prosecution?
A	Results from my speed checks are fed back – someone from the Policing team will

	then step in and set traps. (JM)
Q	What records are kept?
A	I keep pen and paper records to feed back to the Policing team. (JM)
Q	This village suffers because it is the old A40 and therefore easy to speed. This makes this an exceptional village. This is discussed every year. At school time it is very bad especially where the road narrows. Speeding traffic includes lorries and the Red Bus. Emergency vehicles attending M40 incidents often speed through the village. We would like to have speed checks by the school and also by Swan Gardens.
A	I will report these issues and results back to the Parish Council and also to the Policing Team. (JM)
Q	Can residents follow this up?
A	Yes – they can go onto the Police website and look at the Speed Watch. (JM)
Q	What can we do that is more permanent?
A	Aston Rowant obtained funding through a 106 agreement. Pinch points have worked here. You have to realise that anything you do costs money. You should go to Cllr. Roger Belson and arrange a survey – (DB).
Q	When are the speed limits in Milton Common being changed?
A	I will investigate and let you know. (JM)
Q	Do you think people report all crimes?
A	Often they don't. However, the advice is always to call us. (JM)

## 6. Reports from local organisations:

### **Tetsworth Primary School - Russell Legg (Chair) Sarah Bhagat (Vice-Chair)**

John Hampden and Tetsworth Federation - Chair of Governors Report - May 2010  
 Russell Legg (Chair) Sarah Bhagat (Vice-Chair)

Tetsworth Primary School is going from strength to strength and that is due in the main to the loyalty and hard work of staff, parents and governors who have continued to support the school through some challenging years.

There have been some radical changes over the past 2 years primarily superb new facilities and the formation of the federation between Tetsworth and John Hampden Primary and Nursery Schools. The federation will undoubtedly ensure the secured leadership and future of your Primary School for years to come.

Having been given a notice to improve by OFSTED in January 2009, they returned in March 2010, and following the guidelines of the new inspection process, awarded us a judgement of Satisfactory with some Good and Outstanding features. (Safeguarding and Teaching & Learning in Foundation and Key stage 1). No other Primary school in the Thame partnership has been through the rigorous new inspection process yet. Needless to say we are delighted with the judgement and it only goes to show what a little perseverance can achieve.

Again the school year has been full of exciting extra-curricular activities, all linked to the National Curriculum, some of these are:

- Dance Festival
- Year 5 indoor athletics tournament
- Year 5 & 6 Cross Country
- Year 6 Indoor league at the Thame Leisure Centre
- Whole school Pantomime trip to Jack and the Beanstalk – Theatre waited for Tetsworth as they were delayed due to snow! They then produced their own performance which was brilliant.
- KS 2 are going to London this week to see 'Oliver' followed by supper in Covent Garden (all based on the subject of the Victorians)
- KS 1 took part in Arts Weeks at John Hampden.

In addition, the children swim every week which is unique to Tetsworth and Terrific Tuesday continues to engage the children and provide Health Centre Displays, Harvest Festival, Nativity performance, The Blue Peter Smile Train appeal, Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, Village Fete and currently an amazing Project on Africa.

Ongoing clubs include; Football, Hockey, Recorder and Gardening, some of which are open to the wider community.

Current roll is 20 and rising to 23 in September an increase of about 12%. Obviously there are places still available and we are very happy to show anyone around the school.

In order for our school to survive, the federation grow and be a part of the community it needs everyone's support, with the progress that has already been made and the process and plans that are in place for future improvement there is every reason why children within the village should enrol at Tetsworth Primary School. Our main objective is to provide the children of this village and surrounding area with the best possible educational opportunities that are available – and we feel that with the new structure in place we are well placed to deliver!

### **Tetsworth Primary School Association – Petra Eden-Parish (read by Sarah Bhagat)**

The TPSA have been busy since we presented our report at last year's meeting.

Soon after we saw you last we held a Bingo Night at the school which the School Council helped the TPSA to organise. It was a real family event and the hall was packed with school families and friends. We raised £247.75 and from this we purchased ice creams for all the children on their sports day as well as drinks and refreshments for children and parents at their performance of Macbeth in June.

From previously raised funds we were thrilled to pay for ALL the children to go on a school trip to Chessington World of Adventure at the end of term. It was great that we could do this as our last trip before Federating with John Hampden school over the summer. The children (and staff) had a fantastic time and the feedback and thank you letters from them afterwards were fantastic.

In July we took part in the Village Fun Day. The children and parents all made a fantastic amount of cakes for us to sell and we made £77.50 over the course of the day. It was a great effort on all parts and one we hope to repeat again this year.

Our parents have been a great help again this year, also doing their own fundraising on behalf of the TPSA. Julie Eggleton held a very successful Christmas Shopping evening and more recently Lynn Bateman had great success in running a car boot stall in aid of the TPSA at the Tetsworth Car Boot Fair. We hope to repeat these successes as well this year.

We did less well with our Book stall at the Christmas Craft Fayre in November, but our feeling is always that it is important to keep the school in the local eye and keep raising our profile so we are always happy to get involved in village events, even if we don't always raise as much as we hope!

With the money raised by Julie we were able to take all the children to the Panto in Oxford to see Jack & The Beanstalk. With great disappointment, the first attempt was cancelled due to heavy snow, and so the date was re-arranged. Come the day and the snow fell heavily again and it was touch and go as to whether we would get there! Thankfully the coach driver, staff & children persevered and we arrived (albeit a little late) to enjoy the show. The children were delighted to find that the theatre company had delayed the start until they arrived! The children had a brilliant time and many also ended up on stage with the actors. The children were so inspired by the show that they worked really hard with the staff to arrange their own version of the panto which they performed to parents and friends in

February. It was a fantastic evening and the children worked on every element from staging, scriptwriting, publicity, and stage management. The TPSA also provided refreshments at this event as well and raised just over £25 in donations.

Our Quiz night in February this year was another huge success raising over £1000 again, and was a great team effort by all those involved. The hall was packed out and it was great to see so many of the village turning out to support us.

We have been spending as well as raising money this year. The following are some of the smaller items that we have been able to fund this year:

- A new library clock
- Popcorn for the children to take to the Pantomime
- A new sandpit
- New PE and playtime equipment
- Knex model making equipment

This year we have also committed to pledging £500 per school year for new books for the children. Staff are now able to use a specially arranged account at the Bookhouse in Thame to buy books as and when they are needed. The Bookhouse have been brilliant in adding an additional £100 to our spending pot, for which we are really grateful.

AND we have some exciting plans ahead. The money raised by the quiz night will be spent on a school trip for Key stage 2 to see Oliver the Musical in the west end. The children are currently working on the Victorians so the timing is perfect. We have also just paid for a visit from Petwise mobile zoo (which the whole school enjoyed), and we are also funding an Urban Strides dance workshop as part of sports week in June.

As always we would like to thank all the villages for their support over the past year. Your support and commitment to our flourishing local school is invaluable to us and we really appreciate all your time & money. We look forward to seeing you over the next year at more of our events.

### **Magic Roundabout Preschool – Adrian Cannon**

Adrian reported a good and happy successful year. Their aim is to feed more people into the Primary School which is improving all the time. The links between the two are really good.

There are strong links with Redman's farm and Adrian formally thanked Lyn Redman. The children have enjoyed everything from feeding the chickens to watching a hunt go out!

They are holding a fundraising event on the 5<sup>th</sup> June – Tetsworth's Got Talent. Tickets are £5 and there is a bar.

The preschool has decided to undergo some re-branding and have now renamed themselves **Tetsworth Little Kites**. This is to link to the village more.

The Ofsted inspection produced satisfactory results, which has been helped by the move into the Primary School. There is a project at the moment to improve the outside area providing new play equipment and seating areas. For this a grant has been received of £5000.

A mobile Playbus is now visiting every 2 weeks starting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

The holiday club this year is being run as 4 separate fun days each with its own theme.

**Tetsworth Trust – Paul Silver (read by Karen Harris).**

The trust is funded by the bingo which is held each week at Great Milton. David Spiers and his dedicated team of helpers do a marvellous job and donate the profits of the bingo to Tetsworth Trust. In 2009 48 Bingo's were held.

The trust donated money towards the running costs of Tetsworth Newsletter and St. Giles Church, as well as providing the Christmas Hampers to the senior citizens and treating two senior citizens to a holiday in Blackpool. Our closing balance for 2009 was a small profit of £128.00 opposed to a loss of £1220.00 the previous year.

The trustees would like to thank everyone for their help and support.

**Cozens Bequest – Alan Martin**

In the absence of John Thompson, I have been requested to advise the meeting of the basis and scope of The Cozens Bequest.

This charity was set up in 1923 for the benefit of necessitous women in the local Ecclesiastical parishes. Since that date the Area of Benefit has been clarified to include the Parishes of Tetsworth, Thame, Great Haseley, Stoke Talmage, Wheatfield, Adwell, South Weston, Lewknor and Aston Rowant.

The Trustees are: John Thompson, Martin Paul, Carolyn Carr and Alan Martin. As Reverend Brignal has left the village, the incoming vicar will be required to come onto the Trustees.

Whereas the Charity was initially for women only, over the years, this has been opened up to provide a wider choice in the sort of relief that may be given out so long as the need is clear. Relief must be given only to assist people who are eligible under the scheme, must be related to the need in each case and must be reasonable in the circumstances, taking into account any relief available from other sources.

With regard to the above, apart from the quarterly payments to certain pensioners, the Charity has not paid out any other donations nor made any investments.

If anyone knows of anyone who might be in need of support, please contact any one of the Trustees, in confidence, who will then discuss the matter with the other Trustees and take the appropriate action.

**M40 Environmental Group – John Thompson (read by Alan Martin).**

The Group has made good progress in the year, notably by obtaining a submission to the Government aiming to reduce noise from Junctions 3-8, by using the new Sustainable Communities Act 2007. This act allows local community groups to petition the Government in cases where the issues cross Departmental boundaries, in this case Transport and Environment.

Our submission was put forward by Wycombe District Council, supported by South Oxfordshire District Council and both Bucks and Oxfordshire County Councils. We have started dialogue on our proposal with the Government Departments concerned; there has been a pause during the Election campaign, but we should resume talks as soon as the new Government is settled in.

Of most interest to villagers, perhaps, is the result of an M40 Noise Survey conducted as part of the submission last summer. Some 1800 questionnaires were distributed to households along the M40 from Loudwater to Milton Common, including about 50 in Tetsworth. Over 900 households responded – an astonishingly high response rate- making this the largest survey of its kind ever undertaken in England.

The survey revealed that 77% of households were frequently or nearly always affected by M40 traffic noise, increasingly at night, that considerable levels of stress are being caused, and that those in rural areas are more affected by motorway noise than those in urban areas.

Two of the four co-authors of this report were Tetsworth residents, Brian Foster and John Thompson. For those interested, the report can be found on the M40 Group website [www.m40-chilterns.org.uk](http://www.m40-chilterns.org.uk) - go to "links" and click on M40 Noise Survey.

### **Tetsworth Sports and Social Club – Frank Eley**

The previous year has not proven as successful as in previous years due to the current economical situation but few problems notwithstanding it have been satisfactory. The membership again approached 200 and the Club is open six nights a week and continues staging entertainment on every Saturday morning.

The Club is now a member of Chinnor Pub Watch and a check was made of the premises for drugs and it was found to be clear.

The Chilton Motor Bike Club has joined the club and they meet on Tuesday evenings and any 'biker' is welcome.

The square has had two full seasons with the new system and is proven to be successful. The football pitch has been slowly deteriorating over the years with sinkage and flooding and after investigation remedial work will have to proceed. The outfield has been treated to destroy plantains and broad leaf weeds. Dog fouling however remains a problem.

The cricket season finished with the winning of the Airey Cup, the Second Team holding their own and the winning of the Wednesday Midweek League. The Sunday team was successful and also saw the introduction of many village players.

The Football team has reformed under the management of John McTaggart and proved reasonable successful and it contains many local players. The rusting goals have been replaced.

A Beer Festival was run again last year and was successful and it is planned to hold a larger even this year on July 17<sup>th</sup> with two groups providing free entertainment in a marquee. All local groups have been invited to participate but turnout at meetings has been poor.

The introduction of Sky/ESPn has proved to be successful with all the top Premiership games, and other sports, being well supported.

Real Ale was introduced last Spring and we are currently selling two casks per week.

### **Parochial Church Council – Martin Paul (read by Hazel Bottone).**

Our Parish of Tetsworth, St. Giles is situated in Chiltern View, Tetsworth, Oxfordshire. Our PCC has the responsibility of the co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev. Simon Brignall, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical within its parish.

Membership - Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the APCH in accordance with Church Representation Rules. During the year the following members served:

Incumbent	-	The Rev. Simon Brignall
Churchwarden	-	Mr Martin Paul
Churchwarden/Secretary	-	Miss Jeneva Paul
Treasurer	-	Mrs Carolyn Carr
	-	Mrs Heather Moore
	-	Miss Jacqui Moore

- Mr Maurice Thomas
- Ms Maggie Gosling

There were 17 members on the electoral roll.

Church Services – During the twelve month period 45 services were held in the Church building itself, services during the winter months were affected by severe winter conditions and problems with the heating system so several services took place at 11 Chiltern View/The Rectory/The Memorial Hall.

<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Number of Services</b>	<b>Average Attendance</b>
Morning Worship	10	7/2
Family Time	5	10/5
Family Communion	13	10/3
Parish Communion	12	8/
Village Hall		5/10
Special Services	7	30/8

Special services were held to commemorate Rogation Sunday, Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Day, A Christingle Service, A service of nine lessons and carols and a Service of Holly Communion on Christmas Morning. There was 1 Baptism, 0 Weddings and 3 Funerals during the year.

Leadership We have been lucky to maintain a full calendar of services up to December 2009 thanks to the Rev. Simon Brignall, Heather and Richard Moore, Jeneva Paul and the Thame Team Ministers, particularly Janel Hulett and Julian Dunn. The Rev. Simon Brignall left the parishes in December 2009 when his licence for the parishes expired. We would like to extend our thanks and good wishes to Simon, his wife Claire and their family for their friendship and service through the years and wish them Gods guidance in their new Parish.

Friends of St. Giles Following the resolution of the committee at the APCM of March 2009 the fund raising committee was formed – As ‘The Friends of St. Giles’ fund raising commenced immediately and funds have already allowed replacement of the boiler and repairs to the heating system in the church. New projects are ongoing and we would like to extend our gratitude for the time and effort committed by those serving on the FOSG.

General Activities Thanks go to all those who have continued with their help and support in maintaining the churchyard, especially John Thompson. We should also like to thank Heather, Richard, Jacqui Moore, Claire Brignall for their leadership and skill in Children’s ministry.

We should like to thank all those who over the year have contributed time, money and cake to all of our fundraising events from Fete and Fun Day, Farmers Markets, to Charity Sales and Coffee mornings. All have been well attended, as have the musical events – headlined by the Festival Choir, providing us with much needed funds and wonderful entertainment.

We would also like to thank the St. Giles Tower Captain, John Hearn for his continued contribution to the life of the church.

**Tetsworth Senior Citizens Party – Chris Bishop (read by Jenny Kellond).**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Senior Citizens party was held in December 2009. 62 senior citizens attended, had lunch, drinks and were given presents. 4 children from Tetsworth School helped to serve the meal. They also gave out presents of calendars made by the school children. We received several donations, and held fundraising events (some of which were profitable, others that were poorly attended and just broke even). Our expenditure for the year exceeded our income by £188.00, leaving a smaller balance carried forward to 2010. So far

in 2010, fund raising events have been poorly supported and consequently the profits have been lower. If the same pattern continues for the rest of the year, the budget for this year's party will need to be reduced accordingly. We would like to thank everyone for your support at events and for the generous donations.

### **Tetsworth Memorial Hall – Caroline Cann**

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has been involved with the hall, not just the committee members, but also the building project sub-committee, coffee shop team and everyone who hire the hall and those who come along to support our events.

The last year has been a challenging one, where we have often taken one step forward and two back. WE have had a number of problems including architects, loss of hiring's, a leaking roof and felling a Chestnut tree.

Our extension plans have taken some time to sort but we are now on the verge or submitting plans to SODC for renewal of planning permission and as soon as this is done we will start the grant application process again. The current grants that I am looking at include Garfield Weston, SODC, TOE and the new lottery scheme. Additional funding for the project has come from our own fund raising events and generous donations from organisations such as the Parish Council.

This year will see us increase the marketing of the hall, with additional advertising both within the village and into neighbouring villages in a bid to increase the hire of the hall. We have to return to being in the position of the income from hire covering the running and maintenance costs; we cannot have another year as this past one where our fundraising has to go to pay the day to day bills.

## **7. Open Forum and Questions**

Trees at Attington Stud – Plans were available at this meeting showing trees to be felled at Attington Stud. Following a survey they are being felled as there is a lot of disease in them and there will be a replanting programme. If anyone wants logs the owners are happy for collection. They must be for personal use only and not for profit. Please contact Jenny Kellond to arrange.

Vehicle Safety – Adrian Cannon commented that vehicle safety is something that we should all work on together.

**Resolved:** The TPC will write to follow this through. It will also be added to the next agenda.

Parking in the Village – There was a discussion about parking in the village. Most people have two cars now. Where should these cars park? More and more people are complaining. Emergency vehicles would struggle to get through at night. This problem will only get worse as the children grow up and get cars of their own.

- The Parish Council have discussed this regularly. There is no obvious solution.

The Turning Circle – Mrs D. Hall asked about filling the potholes in the turning circle. JK reported that the owners of Knapp Cottage have some gravel which they are going to use to fill them at the moment. Meanwhile, JT is continuing to tackle the problem of getting the road adopted and therefore resurfaced.

Jenny Kellond thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed at: 9.47pm