

**THE PARISH OF BOUGHTON**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING**

NOT a Parish Council meeting

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| <b><u>Date:</u></b>  | Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2011 | <b><u>Time:</u></b>  | 7.30pm       |
| <b><u>Venue:</u></b> | Boughton Village Hall              | <b><u>Clerk:</u></b> | Gordon Poole |

Minute Agenda Item/Outcome

**1. Record Attendance, Apologies, Absence**

| <b><u>Parish Council</u></b>            | <b><u>Presenters</u></b>             | <b><u>Public/Residents</u></b>       |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b><u>Attendance:</u></b>               |                                      |                                      |
| Cllr Mr John Clarke ( <b>Chairman</b> ) | Cllr Mr John Clarke                  | 6 Residents as per list attached     |
| Cllr Mrs Judy Shephard                  | Mr Gordon Poole                      |                                      |
| Cllr Mr Russell Wilson                  | Mr David Whalley                     |                                      |
| Cllr Mr Jim Parker                      | Cllr Mrs Judy Shephard               |                                      |
| Cllr Mr Kevin Greatorex                 | Cllr Kevin Greatorex                 |                                      |
| Cllr Mr Richard Greener                 | Mr Michael Stead                     |                                      |
| Cllr Mrs Gillian Kingston               |                                      |                                      |
| <br>                                    |                                      |                                      |
| <b><u>Apologies for absence:</u></b>    | <b><u>Apologies for absence:</u></b> | <b><u>Apologies for absence:</u></b> |
| Cllr Mrs Ann Davison                    | Sgt Mike Grady                       | Mr Paul Mabbutt                      |
|   | Mrs Sue Greatorex                    |                                      |
|   | Mr Paul Archer                       |                                      |
|   | Mrs Charlotte Mackaness              |                                      |

**2. Approve minutes of meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010:**

The minutes were approved to enable the Chairman to sign them; also to remove 'draft' from the website.

**3. Receive reports from the following:**

**3.1 POLICE**

In the absence of Sergeant Mike Grady, due to operational reasons, the following statistics were provided after the meeting for these minutes:

**Crime Statistics (Boughton):**

| <b><u>Category</u></b> | <b><u>Apr2010 to Mar2011</u></b> | <b><u>Apr2009 to Mar2010</u></b> |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Burglary Dwelling      | 5                                | 14                               |
| Burglary Other         | 8                                | 4                                |
| Theft from MV          | 6                                | 8                                |
| Vehicle Interference   | 0                                | 2                                |
| Criminal Damage        | 9                                | 3                                |
| Drugs                  | 1                                | 1                                |
| Theft Dwelling         | 5                                | 6                                |
| Deception//Fraud       | 1                                | 2                                |
| Violence               | 2                                | 0                                |
| <b><u>TOTAL</u></b>    | <b><u>37</u></b>                 | <b><u>40</u></b>                 |

**Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics (Boughton and Pitsford)**

| <b><u>NSIR Closing Category 1 Desc.</u></b> | <b><u>No of ASB Incidents<br/>Apr2010 to Mar2011</u></b> | <b><u>No of ASB Incidents<br/>Apr2009 to Mar2010</u></b> | <b><u>Diff</u></b> | <b><u>%</u></b>    |
|---|--|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| AB VEHICLE STOLEN/OBSTRUCT                  | 2  | 2  | 0                  | 0                  |
| ANIMAL RELATED INC ANTI-SOCIAL              | 2  | 3  | -1                 | -33                |
| ENV DAMAGE/LITTER/NEEDLES                   | 0  | 1  | -1                 | -100               |
| FIREWORK RELATED INCIDENTS                  | 0  | 1  | -1                 | -100               |
| MALICIOUS / NUISANCE COMMS                  | 14   | 5  | 9                  | 180                |
| NEIGHBOURS                                  | 6  | 4  | 2                  | 50                 |
| NOISE                                       | 0  | 4  | -4                 | -100               |
| ROWDY OR INCONSIDERATE BEHAV                | 23   | 29   | -6                 | -20                |
| VEHICLE NUIS & INAPPROP VEH USE             | 14   | 14   | 0                  | 0                  |
| <b><u>TOTAL</u></b>                         | <b><u>61</u></b>   | <b><u>63</u></b>   | <b><u>-2</u></b>   | <b><u>-3.2</u></b> |

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Grady and his team for all their valued work in the Parish.

### 3.2 **BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL (ACTIVITIES)**

Cllr. John Clarke (Chairman) presented the following report:

*As Chairman of the Parish, may I welcome you to the annual meeting of the Parish, and thank you for your attendance this evening.*

*The Parish Council has met regularly through the year, and I would like to thank the Councillors' for their attendance at meetings, their contribution, and their support. Their individual roles are listed in the Parish Business Plan, and on the website.*

*The Parish Council continues to be ably supported by our District and County Councillors', John and Judy Shephard. As you know, Judy also serves us as a Parish Councillor.*

*We should place on record our thanks to Gordon Poole, our Responsible Financial Officer and Parish Clerk. His advice, knowledge and commitment remain invaluable. Gordon will present the Financial Report.*

*Lorraine McEllin resigned in May 2010. Paul and Lorraine have moved to Dallas for the time being. Lorraine served on the Parish Council for over 10 years, both as Vice-chair and Chair, making an outstanding contribution to the well-being of Boughton. Lorraine still retains an interest in the village.*

*Russell Wilson joined the Parish Council in September. His ability and experience will be of great value.*

*The Council have attended many external meetings. These include amongst others Daventry District Council Town and Parish Forums, the Northants County Council Local Councils Conference, various planning meetings, both at Daventry District Council and Northants County Council, Police Community Panels and Quarry Liaison Meetings.*

*Outside the routine matters which the Parish Council deals with - among them planning applications (there were 42 of them), greenworks, footway lighting, footpaths and tree preservation orders, all of which are well documented and on the website, the following issues deserve special mention;*

#### 1. Footway Lighting.

*We have been informed that the mercury lights in Boughton will have to be replaced by white lights by 2015. The 2 new lamp posts in Vyse Road is an example. It will be a costly item for which we are making a provision out of the precept on an annual basis.*

#### 2. Buckton Fields.

*An amended planning application for 1050 dwellings is active. The developers are currently negotiating with the authorities on their contribution under Section 106, pending the application being considered by Daventry District Council, which we can expect in the second half of this year.*

*Allied to this, the so-called West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy pre submission document includes the so-called North of Whitehills development as an urban extension.*

#### 3. Boughton Quarry.

*Despite the fact that the Parish Council, and our County Councillor, Judy Shephard, made representation to the Inspector at the hearing in October 2010, Boughton Quarry has been carried forward in the Minerals and Waste Development Plan on recommended sites. 2013 remains the date by which activity should cease on the site, so that the site will be restored to agricultural use by 2015, but we should be prepared for an application to extend the date.*

*An application on the site has been passed by Northants County Council for the processing of K-lime, despite strong objection at the Planning Meeting by the Parish Council and residents. We did achieve some mitigation in the conditions imposed on Peter Bennie Ltd, but none the less, K-lime is classified by the Environment Agency as a hazardous material. Due to the conditions imposed on the applicants, the process has not yet commenced, and it could be that these conditions will make the process not viable on the site. We will be watching the situation very carefully.*

*Our thanks go to all the volunteers who generously give their time to our community and thereby contribute so much to making Boughton such a pleasant village to live in. Their valued work will be reported on at this meeting.*

### 3.3 **BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL (ACCOUNTS):**

Gordon Poole (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer) presented the following report:

*The accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 have now been produced and adopted by the Parish Council (at a meeting prior to this one); Internal Auditing is scheduled to take place in the coming weeks.*

| <i>In summary,</i>                  | <b><u>Council</u></b>  | <b><u>Playground(Phase 1)</u></b>             |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>INCOME</b> for the year was      | <b>£29,183</b>         | <b>£49,300</b>                                |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b> for the year was | <b>£29,221</b>         | <b>£47,159</b>                                |
| Resulting in                        | <b>£ 38- (Deficit)</b> | <b>£ 2,141(Surplus – Grant not yet spent)</b> |

*The Council's bank balance currently stands at £39,158 including reserves of £36,854.*

*In the year, the following significant matters have taken place:*

**£500 received from NCC under their County Councillor Empowerment Grant Scheme**

*(Thanks to Cllr. Judy Shephard)*

*(This will enable supplementary green-works and maintenance work to be done again around the village)*

**£2,581 paid for the replacement of 3 street lamps and their concrete columns**

*(To commence the replacement of non-efficient mercury lamps and aging concrete columns)*

**Engagement of a parish lighting technician**

*(To advise Council on efficiency, effectiveness and cost of street lighting and produce an upgrade plan).*

**£1,660 paid in the form of donations and grants**

*(This shows support and enables various organizations in the village to sustain themselves)*

**Nil funding of Village Day 2010**

*(Due to 7 generous local companies sponsoring the event in the process of making it self funding)*

**Council agreed to be the 'Accountable Body' for the playground project on Boughton Pocket Park**

*(To support the Playground Committee, provide financial control and obtain benefit from VAT reclaim)*

*On the basis of expenditures to-date, prudent financial management and reasonable reserves, the Parish Council agreed to maintain the Precept for financial year 2011/12 at the same level as in the previous 4 years (£18,000); however, a prediction is that an increase will be necessary for 2012/13.*

*Budgeting for the setting of a Precept for financial year 2012/13 will commence in November 2011.*

*As required for internal auditing, the following have been reviewed and adopted by the Parish Council, at a meeting prior to this one:*

**2010/11 Year End Accounts** (for internal and external auditing)

**Risk Assessment** (for public assurance)

**Asset Register** (for determining property insurance cover – currently valued for replacement at £53,850)

**Internal Control/Audit Effectiveness Statement** (For Internal Controller to assure auditors and public)

**External Audit Annual Return** (For agreement by Internal Auditor prior to submission for external audit)

**Governing Policies and Procedures** (for Council and its Officers to observe in their public duty)

*As the Responsible Financial Officer for the Parish Council, I believe the finances are in good order, are being well managed by Council, within budget, and reasonable reserves are being maintained. Council is able to monitor this in detail by the production of a monthly Financial Statement (including proposed payments) and Bank Reconciliation; this is adopted at each Council meeting.*

*As mentioned at this time last year, I particularly record again and support the hard and long hours worked by Chairman John Clarke (who I meet with each Friday morning to progress matters) and all 9 Councillors for their work, support, encouragement and compliments that I have received both in and out of Parish Council meetings.*

### 3.4 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Michael Stead (Senior Co-ordinator) presented the following report:

*The Boughton Neighbourhood Watch is believed to be still one of the best in the County. Meetings have been limited and an important focus of attention has been Smartwater.*

*Since last year the Smartwater Project has been "rolled out". Coverage within the village is now reasonably good and there are three public signs. It is hoped that three more signs will be installed in the coming weeks. 20 Smartwater kits remain to be sold and it is proposed to take a more pro-active approach to selling these in May.*

*In terms of crime, the village has been relatively quiet recently although there have been times during the last 12 months when small clusters of activity have occurred and such cluster events can seem alarming at the time. Overall the crime level during the year has been fairly average.*

*Cuts and reorganisation in the police services have already had some impact locally but the police have again given good support in the year particularly through PCSO Allan Whemmouth who, in addition to his usual duties, has made the Smartwater "installations", i.e. delivery, advice and registration.*

*During the past year the police have drawn attention to the national initiative to have more specialised community schemes and in Boughton the Pocket Park Watch activity has worked very well.*

*The local community meetings between village representatives and the police have continued through the year and have been regularly attended by Neighbourhood Watch members.*

The Chairman thanked Michael for the report and his team for all their valued work in the Parish.

### **3.5 BOUGHTON VILLAGE HALL**

David Whalley (Chairman) presented the following report:

*The year saw lettings and fund-raising income falling 19% at £5,376 (£6,638). More happily costs were kept in check with total expenditure halved at £5,142 (£10,454). The main reductions being in Gas, Electricity and Water charges at £1,814 (2,724); lower cleaning charges of £1,000 and the exceptional costs in the previous year for disabled access amounting to £3,035; nil in the current period.*

*This allowed for a modest surplus of £867 (deficit £3,303) of which is reflected in an uplift in General Fund £21,180 (£20,313). All very acceptable excepting the reduction in lettings but which now appear to be picking up.*

*During the year we sadly lost our long serving secretary, Lorna Thompson, an indefatigable and cheerful member of the Hall committee, She is very much missed and it is proposed to place a tree in the Hall garden in her memory. On a happier note, Susan Russell took over the mantle of secretary which she is undertaking with a ready smile and willingness. We have also welcomed a new addition to the committee in Nick Callis representing the pocket park committee. The rest of the committee especially Sandra Lee (Booking secretary) and Pamela Dorgan (Treasurer) have continued to work hard and enthusiastically to make the Village Hall an asset to Boughton. I do thank all members for their support.*

The Chairman thanked David for the report and his committee for all their valued work in the Parish.

### **3.6 CARE FOR THE ELDERLY**

On behalf of Sue Greatorex (Carer), Gordon Poole read out the following report:

*Whereas this last year has been reasonably uneventful as far as practical help is concerned, we have lost quite a few elderly residents.*

*Mickie Truncheon*

*Guy Phipps-Walker*

*Audrey Venes*

*Ron Hodnett*

*Roy Davenport*

*Joyce Jacquest.*

*Within the last few weeks Barbara and I have visited other people at risk, especially those who have lost partners. They need a bit of special contact.*

*There has been no contact at all from Age UK. We are now doing our own thing.*

*I would like to thank Barbara Piggins for her great help. She is a gem!*

The Chairman thanked Sue for the report and all carers for their valued work in the Parish. He particularly mentioned that Sue/Barbara were doing super things with the elderly and their work was often understated

### 3.7 **BOUGHTON POCKET PARK**

On behalf of Charlotte Mackaness (Chairman) Kevin Greatorex read out the following report:

*2010 was a year of big changes in the Pocket Park. It is a relief to have something to show for two years of planning, fundraising and a lot of talk!*

*The most obvious change is the New Venes Play Area, which was officially opened by Father Christmas and several of Dick and Audrey's children in December. Its completion was all the more satisfying given how precarious the Playbuilder funding looked in early summer. The Committee would like to express its thanks to the Parish Council for not only handling the funds and reclaiming the VAT but also for its very robust support and dealings with Northamptonshire County Council. Without the PC's stance and the advice and doggedness of John Shephard, it is likely we would have waited many more months before receiving the money.*

*Towards the end of the construction, the weather was incredibly wet. Unfortunately, the ground is still recovering from the pummelling it received but is slowly getting there, helped along by plenty of grass seed and hopefully some sunshine. In 2011, there will be a few more additions to the play area with some wooden animals and a playhouse for younger children. Likewise, there will be more landscaping around the tyre swings to soften the aspect for residents looking straight on to the play area.*

*The work of the landscape architects and the planting was paid for through generous donations from Nationwide and Eurobrand Foods, plus the Pocket Park's own funds, which are in a very healthy state thanks to events organised by the Committee that have been well supported by the local community.*

*These included:*

*Another sunny rounders and family fun day*

*An Easter Egg hunt*

*A James Bond evening in the pub*

*The bonfire and firework night*

*Also satisfying is that the Park is being used for a wide range of other activities, not organised by the Pocket Park Committee. In 2010 these included hosting a Sport Relief Mile, a Summer Toddle Waddle nature event and several visits from the Daventry Play Rangers.*

*Increased use of this kind can only be good for the Park as it makes it less attractive for troublesome youths wanting somewhere quiet to get up to mischief without being disturbed. However, this isn't to say that the Park hasn't had some problems with anti-social behaviour. Illegal overnight camping – and the litter and scorched grass left behind – continued throughout the summer. The Seelig family very kindly donated some "No Camping" signs, which should aid the Police in moving on unwanted visitors in future.*

*In 2010 Park Watch was set up, headed by Paul Mabbutt. It is a group of people who visit the Park reasonably regularly or live close by. If they see anything untoward, they report it to Paul who lets everyone know via email. If he thinks it necessary, he involves the Police. Paul has worked very hard and Park Watch paid dividends last summer when an "all night camp out" planned by several hundred local youths was nipped in the bud thanks to a tip off. The local Police team continues to work closely with Paul and the Pocket Park Committee. PCSO Allan Whenmouth in particular must be thanked for his support and vigilance.*

*Late in 2010 the Committee received the excellent news that it had secured over £48,000 of Community Spaces funding. Again, these funds are to be handled by the Parish Council in order to reclaim VAT and ensure maximum value. Special and very sincere thanks go to the Clerk, Gordon Poole, for all his hard work. He's a busy man who could do without more on his plate but he is nothing but enthusiastic about the project. Work starts in the next two weeks on the pond-dipping platform while RJ Warren, who put in the play equipment, will begin the perimeter path in early May. A launch party for the whole community will follow the rounders and family fun day on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June.*

*As the name suggests, Community Spaces is about getting local people into green spaces and using these as vehicles to strengthen community bonds. In 2010 several clear up days were held in the Park. These were well supported but mainly by committee member, their families and "Friends of the Pocket Park". It is hoped the wildflower planting and other aspects of habitat improvements, paid for by Community Spaces, along with more tree plantings, will encourage a wider cross section of the village to take part.*

Through 2010 a process of consultation took place on how best to spend the Community Spaces money. Disappointingly, very few people attended an open evening held in spring 2010 or responded to questionnaires. However, the Committee continues to do everything it can to act in accordance with the wishes of the local people and listen to concerns, especially those living closest to the Park.

Finally, thank you to everyone in the village for supporting and using the Pocket Park. 2011 promises to be just as exciting a year.

The Chairman thanked Charlotte for the report and her committee for all their valued work in the Parish. Cllr Greatorex also commented that there has been a huge change for the better in Activities, Finance and Achievements since Charlotte and her young team took over. Prior to this, the park had had a very 'up' and 'down' history.

### **3.8 OBELISK SPINNEY POCKET PARK**

There was no report presented at or after this meeting

### **3.9 PRIMARY SCHOOL**

On behalf of Paul Archer (Headteacher), Gordon Poole read out the following report:

*The last year has flown by and has been another excellent one for Boushton Primary School in terms of our achievements, aspirations and progress towards becoming an excellent school.*

#### ***Achievements:***

- *Ongoing first class 'creative' curriculum in place to support, enhance and enrich learning of all pupils at the school.*
- *Continued academic excellence – one of the top ten schools in Northamptonshire in terms of academic results in English and Mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2 (year 6 leavers).*
- *Outstanding teaching and learning with excellent support from highly trained teaching assistants.*
- *High quality out of the classroom learning opportunities which have included:*
  - *Reception and Key Stage 1 trip to West Lodge Rural Centre*
  - *In school theatre performances*
  - *Dance Workshops*
  - *Music Recitals*
  - *Healthy Eating Magic Show*
  - *Personal Finance Day*
  - *Countywide French Day at Wicksteed Park*
- *Drama Group contributed to Performing Arts Festival at Derngate.*
- *Tag Rugby squad excelled this year at district and area events. 'Runners up' at county level and played in the regional finals of the 'Tag 2 Twickenham' event in Leicester.*
- *Re-awarded 'Healthy School' status.*
- *Received the St John Ambulance 'School Mark' in recognition of our work ensuring that all pupils in year 5, 6 and staff have recognised first aid qualifications. As only one of thirty schools in the whole country, we are justifiably very proud of this accolade.*

#### ***Developments:***

- *After many years of excellent service, Mrs Jenny Brady retired last July. Following an exhaustive recruitment process, we were delighted to appoint Miss Jodie Sadler to our teaching team.*
- *Extension to our brand new trim trail/adventure playground generously paid for by our school association.*
- *School redecoration programme has allowed for school to be redecorated internally and externally.*
- *Provision of brand new resources for teaching and learning including bibles and musical instruments (which were funded by a very generous grant from the Richard Humfrey (Educational) Foundation).*
- *Rising school roll: currently 140 children in 5 classes*

#### ***Community:***

***We have continued to work hard to develop our closer and wider community links and community activities:***

- ***SUPPORTED Boughton Pocket Park throughout the year***
- ***PERFORMED at Boughton Village Day***
- ***HELD our second 'CHRISTINGLE' in the Parish Church***
- ***WELCOMED members of the community into school to talk about memories of World War Two***
- ***FUNDRAISED FOR NSPCC, Comic Relief, Japan, Children in Need and sent 60 shoeboxes for Romania.***
- ***DEVELOPED our programme of Junior Road Safety Officers who work with PCSO Whentmore and Cllr Potter to make parents and children aware of road safety needs around the school.***

***Looking to the Future:***

***Boughton Primary School continues to be a very successful, high performing school.***

***We have a continuing rising roll and continued aspirations to be 'outstanding' in everything we do.***

The Chairman thanked Paul for the report and all his staff for their valued work in the Parish. It was also mentioned that Cllr Potter was Council's representative on the board of school Governors.

### **3.10 RICHARD HUMFREY CHARITY**

Cllr Judy Shephard (Chairman) presented the following report:

*I have now completed my ninth year of chairmanship of the Richard Humfrey Charity. There are at present 10 highly valued Trustees (4 co-opted members, 2 Ex-officio members, 2 members nominated by the Parish Council and two extra co-opted members).*

*There have been two meetings held this last financial year. These are traditionally held in November and March. The meetings of the Charitable Trust are regularly attended by its Trustees.*

*Application of income was made to 9 individuals residing within the parish, totalling £1170 (there were 11 beneficiaries last year but sadly in recent years we have lost some of our well loved and long lived residents so numbers are dwindling). The Trustees agreed made an increased payment of £130 to each individual recipient. (£100 last year). Mr Tony Cooper has retired as Auditor of our accounts and I know all the Trustees wish to convey their grateful thanks to him for his clear and precise accounting over the past few years. Mr Olly Mackaness, despite his recent escapades with his back, has done an excellent job as our new auditor and we offer our grateful thanks to him.*

*I will make my usual plea that if you know of anyone, however old, who is in need of benefit within the Parish of Boughton please let me or any Trustee know.*

*I would like to record my special thanks to Mrs Sue Greatorax and Mrs Barbara Piggins who are our 'Age Concern' Representatives within the village. They are our 'eyes and ears' on issues concerning the elderly, the infirm or those at risk within the parish. They ensure that parishioners' health, safety and general well-being is not compromised.*

*The chiropody service continues to be highly valued by those parishioners who use the service. There were 9 sessions during the past year costing £20 a session. The Humfrey Charity will of course, continue to financially support its continuance.*

*Mrs Jill Gist is our very valued secretary of both the Humfrey charities. Her dedicated and professional approach to both the Charities have made her a most appreciated member of the team, and I would like to thank her personally for all the extra assistance she so selflessly provides; thanks also go to our auditor, Terry Cooper.*

The Chairman thanked Judy for the report and her committee for all their valued work in the Parish.

### **3.11 RICHARD HUMFREY (EDUCATION) FOUNDATION**

Cllr Kevin Greatorex (Chairman) presented the following report:

*During 2010 the Foundation continued to support students in higher education and other local groups. In all, grants were made to 10 students totalling £1,215.00; these figures compared with 8 students the previous year and £880.00 in total. In addition, a grant of £400.00 was made to the Boughton Primary School. In this year, all the year's income was applied and also part of the accumulated surplus from previous years. This enabled the Trustees to continue the previous funding structure and all applicants received their allocation in accordance with the laid-down formula. In two instances small additional discretionary awards were approved. Notwithstanding the number of grants the Foundation remains in a healthy state at the moment although the Trustees are minded to consider the scheme for the distribution of funds to reflect the actual needs of the young people of Boughton.*

*The success of the publicity last year is self-evident from the increase in the awareness of the scheme and the number of applications. Advertisements will again be published in the Village Magazine and for inclusion in the notice boards at the most appropriate time to have the maximum impact on potential applicants.*

*Application forms will continue to be available from the Clerk to the Charity – Mrs Jill Gist and also from the Chairman – Kevin Greatorex.*

*A copy of the final accounts for the Charities for 2009 is attached for information with thanks to Terry Cooper for auditing these, as in previous years.*

The Chairman thanked Kevin for the report and his committee for all their valued work in the Parish.

In addition to all the thanks previously mentioned, the Chairman added particular thanks to Charlotte Mackaness and Helen Coghill for producing the monthly Boughton Village Matters newsletter that is a very valuable means of communication, with some interesting articles, that is good for the parish.

**4. Receive any other matters:**

1. Resident, Alan Goddard, commented that traffic throughout the village needed calming measures to be installed, particularly in Moulton Lane. He asked why it was not possible to get speed limit changes/gates erected has had recently taken place on Brampton Lane. It was also proposed that a 20mph speed limit should be introduced through the village. Mrs Butler also raised the question “where are all vehicles going in both directions through the village”.

The Chairman responded by saying the Council acknowledged that traffic was a continuing problem and that the surrounding road infrastructure was not sufficient to relieve Boughton of some volume. Council is constantly reviewing the situation, particularly by the Primary School along Moulton Lane. Difficulties being encountered are with deciding on what calming measures would be most effective/resident friendly (Gates, matrix signs, priority systems, speed humps, etc) and approval, installation, financing by NCC. Based on NCC's criteria, Boughton does not qualify; however, if the Buckton Fields development is supported, some traffic calming measures in Boughton are likely to be included within a Section 106 agreement attached to the planning application.

2.The Chairman thanked again all those who had submitted reports, also to all others who were contributing in so many different ways into the community; making Boughton such an attractive and active place to live.

**5. Agree a next meeting:**

It was agreed for the next Annual meeting of the Parish to be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm

**THESE MINUTES ACCEPTED AT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON 09/04/2012 - MINUTE \_\_\_\_\_.**

Chairman/Date:

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