

## Quinton Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 10th May 2017  
Quinton Village Hall 8.00 pm

Present: Cllr David White (Chairman)

Cllr Caroline Barton

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr Phil Maundrill

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Izzi Seccombe, Cllr Mike Brain and 2 members of the public

**1 Apologies:**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Chris Watson and Cllr Junie Tong-Clark and accepted by the Council.

**2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2016:**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 2016 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 Report from the Council Chairman Mr David White:**

At the start of the year significant refurbishments of the Fordway play area took place, with a new play safe surface laid down and much of the aging equipment being replaced.

In the early part of the year, the College Arms was without a landlord. To prevent against any hasty redevelopment of the premises, the Parish Council submitted an application to Stratford District Council for the pub to be listed as an asset of Community Value. This precaution was a useful safeguard against unsuitable development, but thankfully was not required as the new landlord has continued to operate the College Arms as a public house and restaurant.

The Parish Council commissioned a new website which now allows the clerk to update County, District and Parish Council bulletins. In addition, local groups have sub page entries where they can inform the public of their activities.

October saw the introduction of new bus routes and bus stops. The Parish Council was involved in the communication and clarification of the changes.

Bromfords Housing gave a presentation outlining its plan for the scheduled development on the land adjoining the Main Road and Goose Lane. Bromfords will be building houses for affordable rent, shared ownership and open market housing. They will also retain the role of site management after the completion of the houses.

In January the Parish Council received notification from the Land Registry that an application for adverse possession had been brought against it by the owner of a local property. The Parish Council submitted an objection to the claim which was recognised by the Land Registry, enabling both parties to enter into negotiations for a suitable resolution. The Parish Council is

now in discussion with the owner's solicitors.

In February more remedial work was carried out on the refurbished Fordway play area. In addition, the teen shelter at the Village Hall playground has now been removed and the matting around the play equipment has been repaired.

In March the Parish Council placed an order with Warwickshire County Council's Highways Department for the purchase of three speed visor flashing signs to be installed at each end of the village and on the Taylor's Lane approach to Upper Quinton.

**4 Report from the County Council – Cllr Izzy Seccombe:**

Cllr Seccombe said that the Council was now at the end of its four year administration period. The Council had experienced difficult times as it had been forced to make savings of £92 million. This had been accomplished and the Council was now in a good position to move forward. Following the retirement of the Chief Executive, the Council had restructured some of its offices, resulting in huge savings on personnel. The Council was now a more commercially focussed organisation than it had been previously. As business rates were now likely to be the sole source of funding in the future, the Council was anxious to promote the development of local businesses. The apprenticeship hub had proved to be extremely successful, and the Council had achieved a national award in recognition of its achievements. Attention continued to be directed towards providing for the most vulnerable in society, with Adult Social Care and Child Protection still receiving the funding it required.

Cllr Seccombe also reported on the changes to the electoral boundaries. As a result of the recent elections, the Conservatives now had a working majority within the Council.

**5 Report from the District Council – Cllr Mike Brain:**

The District Council now had a new management team, which had also resulted in savings on staff costs. A peer review had recently been completed, which had produced good results and was felt to be beneficial.

The Local Plan was adopted on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Cllr Brain stressed the importance of Neighbourhood Plans and urged that all councils give serious consideration to creating a plan.

Customer satisfaction surveys had revealed that Stratford DC was the highest scoring region in Warwickshire with regards to refuse and recycling services and the seventh highest in the country. Cllr Brain hoped that adopting a more consistent provision of refuse and recycling throughout the county would produce even greater customer satisfaction.

The garden village scheduled for the Long Marston airfield would require close monitoring, as it was important to ensure that the infrastructure and relief road would be suitable for purpose. At the moment it did not appear that the relief road scheduled would be of any benefit to users of the B4632. The developers had expressed a wish for a new railway station to be constructed, but this would only be viable if another 3,000 houses were built.

**6 Reports from any Parish organisations:**

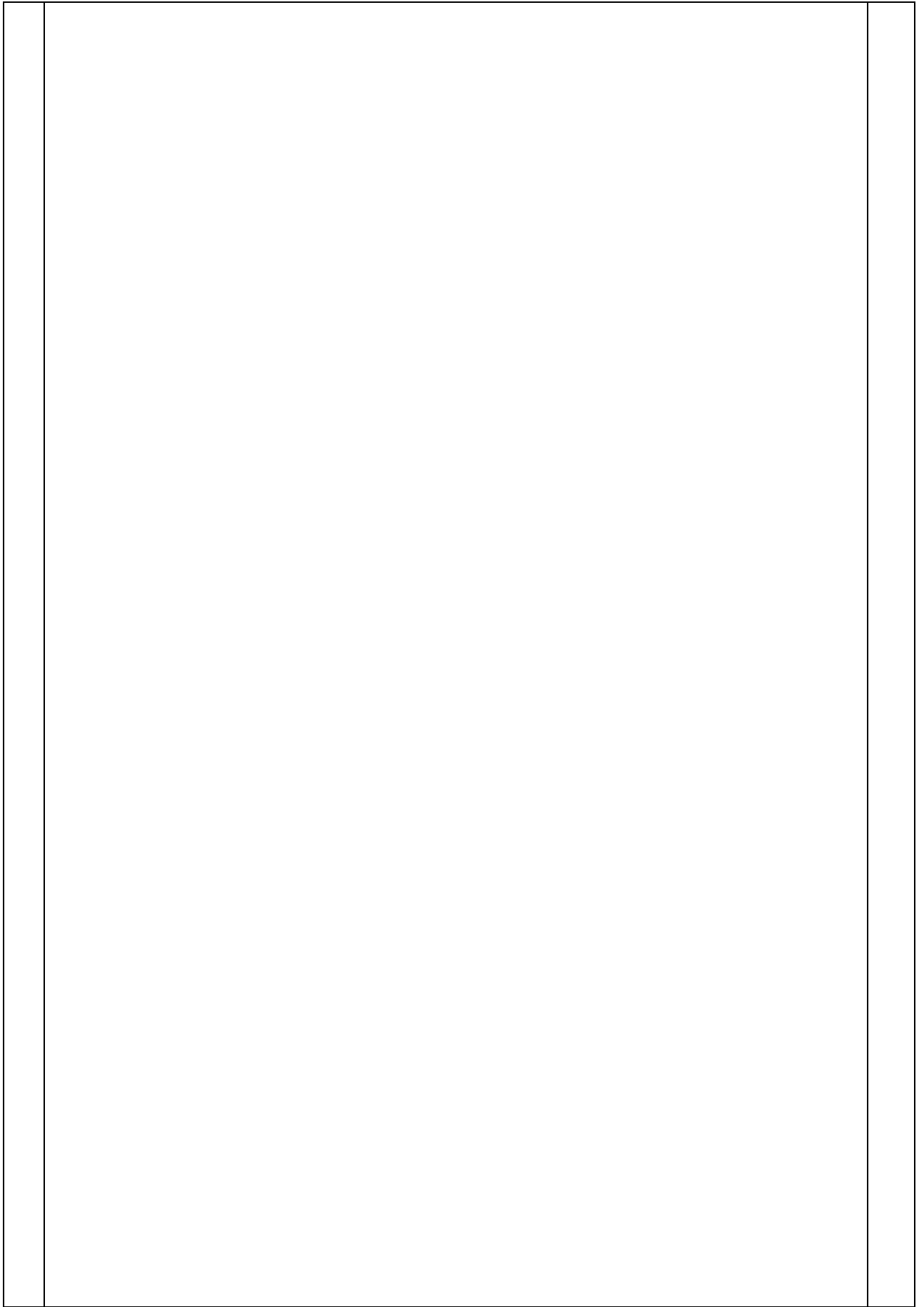
Mr Nicholas Bond reported that the lighting had been renewed in the main hall. Plans were underway to resurface the floors in both halls. Thanks to continuous demands for bookings, the Committee had been able to keep its prices at the same level for the last three years.

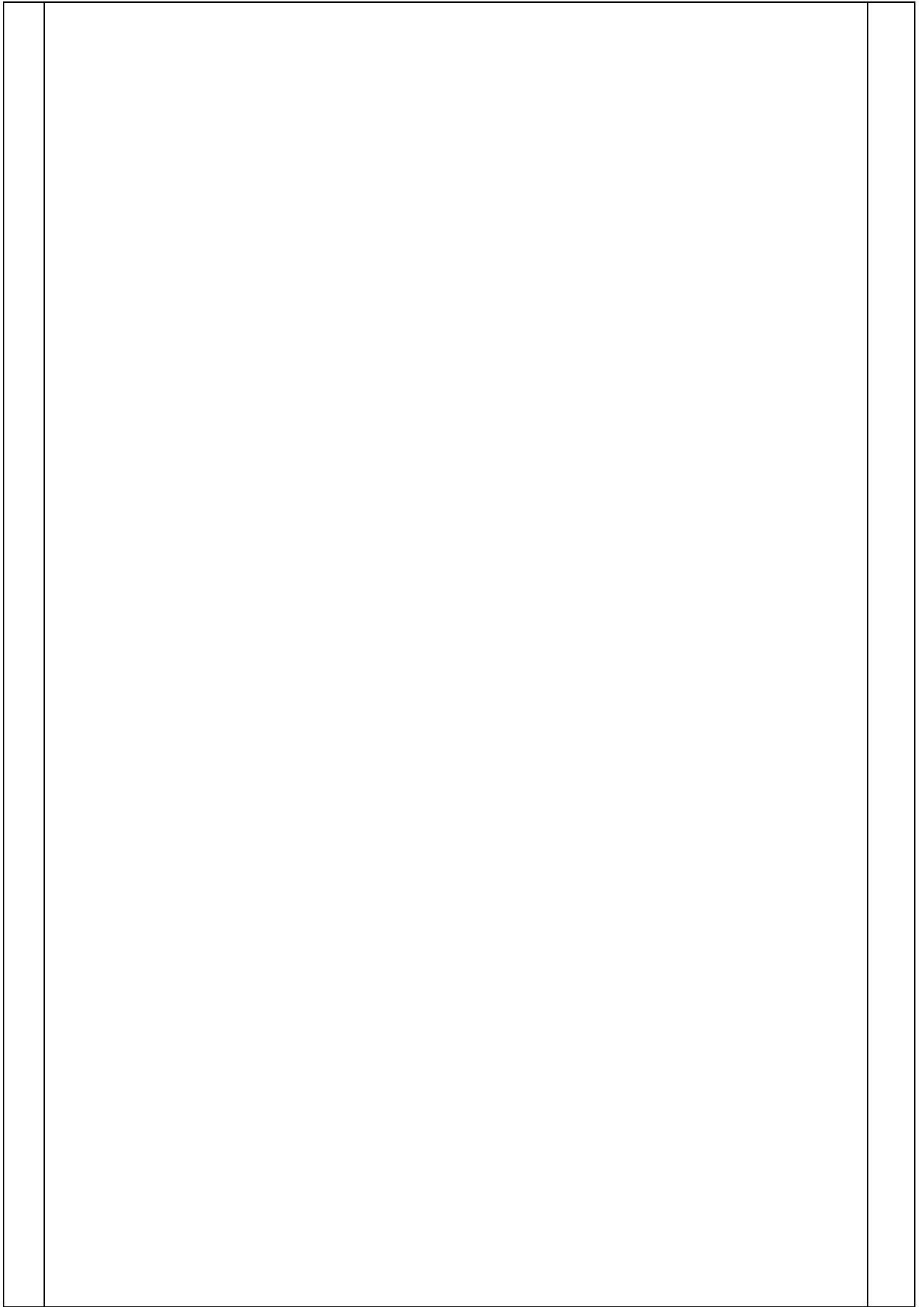
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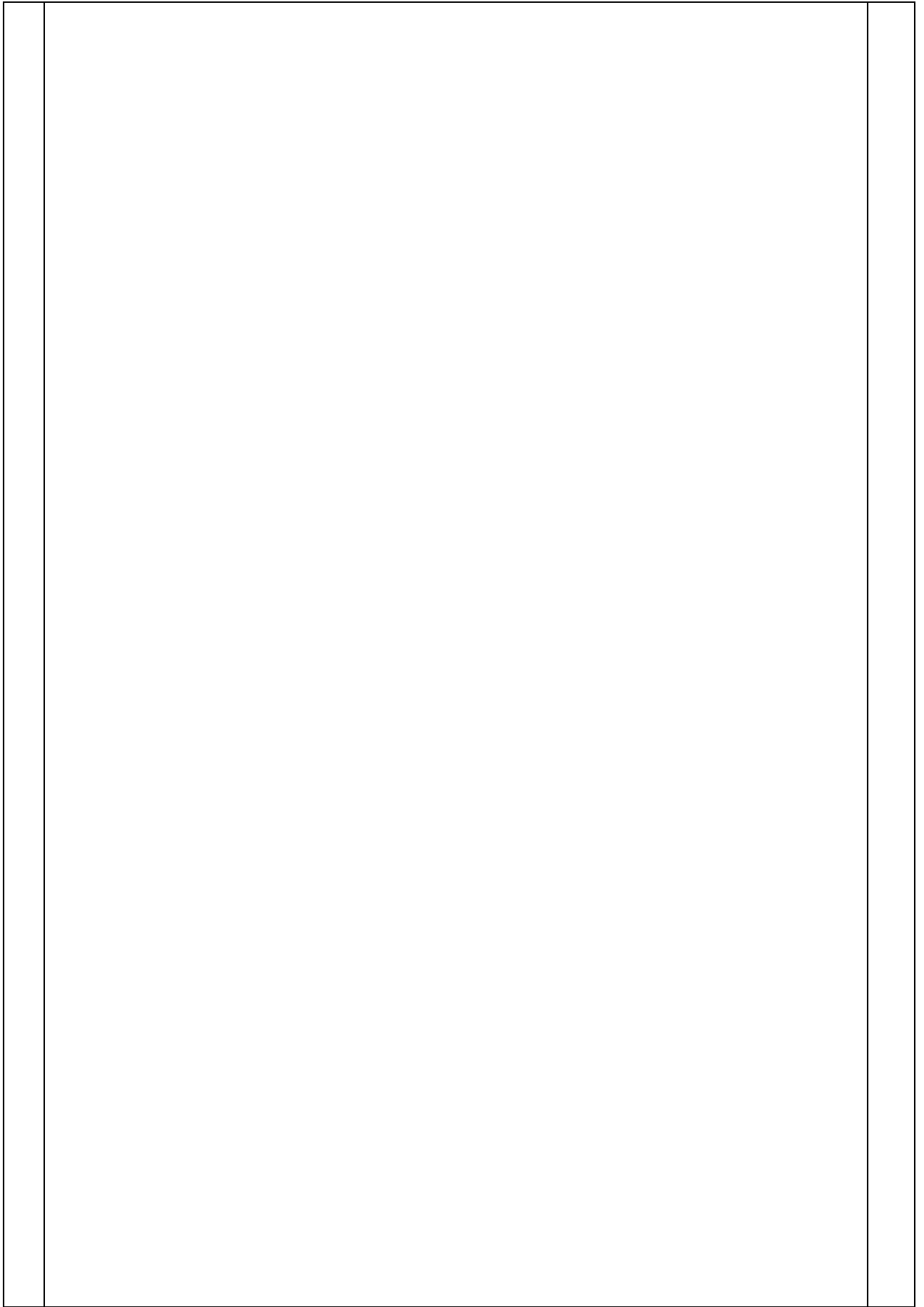
**Any matters raised by electors of the parish:**

The Council was informed that large quantities of waste from an unknown source were being deposited in litter bins throughout the village.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.







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