

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 12th April 2010 at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs J Frost;
Cllrs C Macdonald; M Leach; R Woolley,
Parish Clerk Mrs A Wales; 8 residents;

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Mrs J Scoggins; Dist.Cllr A McCloy; County Cllr Simon Spencer; Mr & Mrs Fanshawe, Mr & Mrs Johnston.
2	MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: The Minutes of the Meeting of 6 April 2009 were approved.
3	ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010 The accounts were approved as a true copy.
4	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT The Chairman welcomed the residents to the meeting. She invited them to make comments or ask questions whenever they wished during her report. The Chairman also welcomed Mrs Wales, the new Parish Clerk, who has been in post since September 2009.
4.1	<i>Street Lighting:</i> The Chairman reported that the matter of new street lighting for the village has been explored. There will be an additional street light erected on road out of the village towards Bakewell, where the old 30 speed limit signs used to be situated. This has been met with the approval of two elderly residents who live nearby this proposed position. There will not be any additional street lighting erected in the village at the bottom of Tagg Lane. Resident Mrs Green who lives next to the proposed site does not wish for this as the light will be too bright near her property. Resident Mr Naylor expressed his disappointment at this. The Chairman advised him it may be looked into again in the future.
4.2	<i>War Memorial:</i> The Chairman reported that new fencing had been erected around the War Memorial. Mr Jack Wake had kindly made the stakes and erected them with the help of Mr Bill Gee for no charge. The Chairman expressed her sincere thanks to Mr Wake and Mr Gee for their generosity in doing this.
4.3	<i>Voluntary Car Parking Honesty Box:</i> This has been recently erected within Jack Mere Car Park. Presently, after just nine days of it being in situ collections have totalled to £21.40. A plaque needs to be made for this box asking people to donate money into the box which will go towards village funds. Mrs Beverley Leach is kindly making the collections from the box and informed the Council she will place a sign stating "Emptied Daily" over the seven-lever lock. Mrs Leach enquired whether another such collection box could be erected at the parking spaces near Lathkill Dale. Members stated this is not possible as the land does not belong to the Parish Council.
4.4	<i>Telephone Box:</i> BT had plans to replace this over recent years with a grey structure, however the box is now a listed building and therefore cannot be replaced. The telephone box has recently been vandalised. Considering the poor mobile phone signal in this area the Parish Council will make every effort to ensure it is re-instated.
4.5	<i>Maintenance of the Village Green and Fere Mere:</i> The Chairman expressed that the village of Monyash is most fortunate to have these beautiful features and the Council takes a pride in ensuring it's maintenance. She expressed her sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Scoggins for all their hard work and dedication in keeping these both looking so pleasant. The next mowing will probably be before the Village Market Day in May.

4.6	<p><i>Methodist Chapel:</i> The Chairman expressed that the Council is very pleased to see the Chapel is retained as an important amenity of the village. She informed all of the upcoming festival to be held in the Chapel on 12th and 13th June. Up-coming events include the flower and quilt exhibition which will include a display of "Old Monyash". Any proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Chapel. Mrs Beverley Leach stated that new storage radiators are needed.</p> <p>A youth group has recently beautifully painted the inside of the building. Breakfast club on Sunday morning is going very well.</p> <p>Mr Naylor enquired whether any other youth groups could make use of the premises yet it was felt that more needs to be done in the Chapel, eg heating before it can be advertised. The Chairman agreed to display posters of forthcoming events.</p>
6	<p>SCHOOL COMMUNITY GOVERNOR'S REPORT</p> <p>Mrs Teddi Carlson reported the school has remained without a Head-teacher for some time and that in this absence Mrs Adams has acting up. However, a new Head-teacher has been successfully recruited, Mr Oliver Wright. No start date has been determined at present. It has proved difficult to recruit into this post as there is a wide shortage of Primary School Head-teachers, with eight other primary schools advertising for positions at the same time as Monyash.</p> <p>A store is to be built for the storage of outdoor equipment behind the school. Work should be commencing soon.</p> <p>The School have been very successful in football. In a recent tournament comprising teams from many local schools, Monyash came second.</p> <p>Mrs Carlson praised the pupils, staff and parents of the school, she stated it was a very busy and thriving environment where the children are receiving a good grounded education.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mrs Carlson for her report.</p>
7	<p>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</p> <p>7.1 Mr Wragg raised the point of a strip of land adjacent to Chandler's in the village. He reported that the drive has been taken up and there is a drop that is rather dangerous. It would seem that part of the footpath has been dug up. Members agreed that the Council would look into this with the PDNPA.</p> <p>7.2 Mr Naylor reported that holes are being burrowed in the Churchyard. Members advised Mr Naylor to inform the Vicar or PCC.</p> <p>7.3 Mr Renfree raised the matter of the Council's request for dog owners to clean up after their dog and the fact there have been complaints, which had been circulated on the fliers sent to residents inviting them to this meeting. Mr Renfree stated as an owner of two dogs this causes him unease despite the fact he is responsible and cleans up after his dogs. The Chairman reassured him and yet stated the Council had had to take action due to the recent severity of this problem and explained the difficulties local residents and the schoolchildren are facing with regard to the dog dirt on the pavements.</p> <p>A debate ensued amongst all at the meeting with regard to this problem and what action can be taken. The Chairman will arrange for a notice to be placed in the Parish Magazine. The Clerk will make enquiries to the County Council with regard to Dog Wardens. The Clerk also distributed notices to residents, obtained from the County Council which can be displayed on their property asking people to clean up after their dog.</p> <p>7.4 Mr Wragg proposed a vote of thanks to all the Council on behalf of residents with which those present unanimously concurred and showed their appreciation with a round of applause.</p>
	<p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The Parish Meeting closed at 9.00pm and was followed by the monthly meeting of the Council.</p>