Annual Parish Meeting

Updates from the Draft Minutes of the APM held on Tuesday 28th May 2010

Issues raised

Arborfield Garrison SDL

An update of this is included in the Parish Council Planning Report and financial matters relating to the Southern Parishes Planning Group (SPPG) is referenced in the F&GP report.

Village Design Statement (VDS)

This remains incomplete. It is now proposed that a Parish Plan be produced as well. Help with these documents is required.

Parish Website www.arborfield.org.uk

The website did go live on 31st May 2010 as stated in the draft minutes. It has been highly praised by many Parishioners and adjoining Parish Councils for its ease of use and constantly updated content. The website is due for an annual overhaul to update photographs etc. which will be carried out very soon.

Old Churchyard

Significant progress has been made regarding establishing ownership of the site, insurance cover, risk assessments etc. over the past year. The present position is such that the volunteers from the History Society are now able to access the site and have made a preliminary visit to set out a plan of action for works to be carried out.

Allotments

Unfortunately the Parish is no further forward trying to secure land to accommodate allotments.

Football teams

Information regarding the income and expenditure of the football pitches was supplied to Ray Hill on 6th July 2010. It has since been found that 34 of the players who use the pitches are residents of Arborfield. This information has been supplied to Ray Hill.

APM Minutes

The draft minutes from the 2010 APM have been on the website since it went live and are to be signed off on Monday 28th March 2011.

Behaviour of young people

Operation Lion Cub still exists.

Unfortunately, due to funding cuts the Arborfield Youth Club has closed. The Parish Council will be reimbursed by WBC back to 1st September 2010 for the money they provided towards a youth worker. The Parish Council are currently looking into the feasibility of providing its own youth worker.

Email system to communicate with Parishioners

This was set up following the APM and has gained a very successful response. It continues to be advertised in the Arborfield News and Parishioners are signing up all the time. The Parish Council are conscious that it doesn't bombard the recipients with numerous emails and therefore only sends what it feels is appropriate.

Pavements in and around Arborfield

Unfortunately the Parish Council can only report such problems to WBC.

Gardening Competition

Cllr Butterfield did attend and present a prize. A report and photographs were issued in the Arborfield News.

Arborfield News

The Parish News article remains in the Arborfield News and hopefully continues to provide informative information. A Directory and What's On page has been added since last year and the Editorial Committee are constantly thinking of new ideas for the magazine. It remains the same - the publication is only as good as the articles it receives.