

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH OF SOMPTING

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish of Sompting held on Wednesday, 10th May 2006 in Sompting Community Centre, Sompting

Attendance: Parish Councillors, B. Mear (Chairman), K. Bashford, Mrs. J. Burns, Mrs. T. Clarke, T. Clarke, Ms. M. Shaw, Mrs. M. Sherriff, M. Thornton, Mrs. J. Turner and J. Wales. Also in attendance District Councillor B. Boggis and members of the public.

1/06 Apologies. Mrs. P. Allwright and Mr. T. Loughton M.P.

The Chairman presented flowers to the outgoing clerk, Mrs. Kate Rhodes, and wished her well in her future career.

2/06 Doug Sherriff Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community.

Cllr Mrs. M. Sherriff presented the Shield for 2006 jointly to Cllr. Tim Clarke and Mrs. Tracey Clarke in recognition of the enormous amount of hard work they had carried out in the parish, particularly in the last year in relation to organising the Sompting Festival.

3/06 Minutes. The Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 11th May 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

4/06 Report of the Chairman. The Chairman expressed his pride in the beautiful appearance of the village with spring bulbs and flower beds in bloom, all of which enhanced the attractive village sign; these views had been endorsed by many members of the public.

He expressed his sadness that Cllr. Dan Yates was leaving the area with his family but welcomed two new councillors, Cllr. Mel Shaw and Cllr. Pat Allwright. The Chairman congratulated Kate Rhodes on her excellent work for the parish and welcomed Val Garland, the new clerk.

The Parish Council was extending its plans into new areas, and this was an exciting time for the village with the forthcoming Festival and the proposed new building on the recreation ground; whilst there were still some problems with youth crime this did not appear to be as bad as in other areas and would be helped by community policing.

The Chairman recognised that Members of Council often volunteered as representatives to other outside bodies as well as to their council duties and he thanked everyone for their hard work and the time they gave to Sompting.

5/06 Other Matters. No further matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting.