

## **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH OF SOMPTING**

### **Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish of Sompting held on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at 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 PCSO Marc Granger and members of the public.

**1/07 Apologies:** District Councillor B. Boggis, PCSO S. Trebble and Mr. T. Loughton M.P.

**2/07 Doug Sherriff Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community:** Cllr Mrs. M. Sherriff presented the Shield for 2007 to Ms. Anneliese Offord in recognition of her hard work for St. Mary's Church. Cllr Mrs. Sherriff said that Ms. Offord was a deserving recipient of the award as although still a student she contributed in many ways to the church; she was a chorister, helped regularly at church events and was active in fund-raising for the Restoration Fund and had this year taken on responsibility for the organisation of the first Flower Festival for ten years.

**3/07 Minutes:** The Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

**4/07 Report of the Chairman:** In his report, the Chairman thanked Cllr. Pat Allwright who had had to resign from the Council for personal reasons and welcomed two new councillors, Peter Holt and Tom Smith as members for Cokeham South ward. He explained that the Council was pressing ahead with plans to develop new facilities for the village, such as changing rooms and toilets, and was continuing to enhance the area with planting, repairs to the wooden bus shelters and new noticeboards. He welcomed the closing of the Halewick Lane transfer site after years of local campaigning.

The Chairman remarked on the success of last year's Sompting Festival and the attractive appearance of the spring bulbs in the planters and verges. He pointed out, however, that unfortunately vandalism cost the parish money and there had been some damage recently to trees and bus shelters. Despite this, the Council was still good value at less than twenty pence per week for an average household.

**5/07 Other Matters.** No further matters were raised.

*The Chairman closed the meeting.*