

# Bygrave Parish Council

**The Annual Parish meeting of Bygrave Parish Council was held in the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006 commencing at 8pm.**

**Present:** Cllr. M Sheppard (Chairman)  
Cllr. P Hughes  
Cllr. P Culpin  
Cllr. P Sinclair  
Cllr Huffer

Mrs K Clark (Clerk)

**In Attendance:** Andrew Young District Councillor and three members of public

## **1. Welcome**

Cllr Sheppard welcomed everyone to the meeting

## **2. To approve Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting dated.14<sup>th</sup> March 2005**

Signed and approved as a true copy

## **3. Chair Report – Councillor M Sheppard**

This year has seen the appointment of a new clerk who has previous experience and is ensuring the Parish Council is run effectively.

The Parish web site is up an running and is being used by residents.

The Parish paths partnership is being a success in ensuring paths is maintained in the Parish.

There is prospect of a housing development on the edge of Baldock/ Bygrave, which the Parish Council is monitoring and will advice the Parish of any plans.

The Village Green is progressing and further grant options are being explored, the Parish Council is still hopeful this will be achieved.

## **4. Address by District Councillor Andrew Young**

The Baldock by- pass is now open and the work at Letchworth gate, which is causing a few tailbacks, should be complete by the end of June. There is still some evidence of traffic using Baldock as a cut through possibly to avoid Letchworth Gate, traffic surveys are being conducted.

Money has been put aside for the development of shops in Baldock and there will be parking surveys and public consultation. The Market in Baldock is now not under the control of NHDC but a private concern.

The Government funding received for roads should see potholes and resurfacing completed on all roads.

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Villages can apply for flashing speed signs and the possibility of mobile units is being looked into.

The brown recycling bins have been received and the collection of plastics is being explored.

Small grants are available from NHDC for any village organisation and will need to be applied for.

## **5. Police Report – address by PC Paul Marina**

The crime rate for the Parish is low which is a result of good policing in the Parish, only two crimes were reported which were theft of property in left out in the open during the day.

Hare Coursing crime is down 93% thanks to suspicious vehicles being stopped and problems with their vehicles under the road traffic act being successfully detected, thus putting them off returning.

The Police encourage the reporting of anything suspicious. The police now use an ANPR computer, which can flag up any wanted vehicles, and they can then be stopped and searched.

There is currently no replacement for the PCSO but this is in progress.

## **6. Open Forum**

Thanks were expressed from the Parish Council to the Paul Marina and his team for all their hard work and also to Andrew Young and Tony Hunter for their commitment to the Parish.

## **7. Close of meeting**

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed.....Dated.....