

**Minutes of the Proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting of Newnham Parish  
Council held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011 in the WI Hall.**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs J Baber, Cllr Mr G Murray, Cllr Mrs W Anderson, Cllr R Mann,  
Cllr Mrs J Larkham.  
(after start of meeting Cllr D Edwards, Cllr J Chapman)

**In attendance:** Miss V Roberts (Clerk),

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Mr F Bihlmeier, Cllr Dr M Coles.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Mrs J Baber who welcomed all those present and explained the emergency procedures.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **Financial Statement for the year to 31 March 2010**

The Chairman reported that the audited accounts showed an opening balance at 1 April 2009 of £15837.80

Income amounted to £33907.27

Total payments amounted to £29,055.39

Leaving a balance in hand at 31 March 2010 of £20689.68

All Councillors were in agreement that this was a true record of accounts.

### **Chairmans Report**

Cllr Mrs J Baber presented the Chairmans report.

Thanks were expressed to all Councillors for their help during the past year.

Cllr Mrs J Baber emphasised her gratitude towards all those who had worked so hard on behalf of Newnham on Severn and Newnham on Severn Parish Council during the past year - their conscientious efforts and high input have been invaluable to the aesthetics of the village.

### **Any Other Business**

Parishioners questioned the Parish Council on the matter of the precept increase - the decision making and rationale behind the decision was explained. The probability that the Parish would need to finance a contested election had been the principal reason; reference was also made to inflation and the many thousands of pounds needed for clock tower repairs.

Parishioners also voiced concerns about the future of the Victoria Hotel. The Parish Council advised that they can only ensure that the District Council enforce agreements already in place through planning, but otherwise have no authority over the building or its future as it is privately owned.

**Signed** .....

**Dated** .....

**The meeting was closed at 6.30pm when all were welcomed to view the many displays around the hall illustrating Newnham on Severn's income & expenditure since May 2010.**