



Theydon Bois Parish Council

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Theydon Bois, Essex CM16 7ER

Clerk to the Council: Mrs Sally Crone
Responsible Financial Officer: Mr Greville Norman

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Village Hall at 8pm on Thursday 26th May, 2011

Councillors Present: Cllrs Jones (Chair), Philip, Gooch, Hannibal, Sowerby, Hammond, Purkiss, Wood, Vincent and Howard

Apologies: Councillor Berry

Officers Present: Sally Crone (Parish Clerk), Greville Norman (RFO)

Prior to Commencement of the Agenda the Chairman presented the Villager of the Year Award to Liz Hannibal and Beryl Frankel on behalf of the Scouting and Guiding Associations in the Village, in recognition of their long and dedicated service. The Chairman also presented the inaugural Community Awards to Ellie Bedwell for her volunteering with Theydonnewsdesk and in particular, for her contribution to the Youth Pages of the Village Website and also to Mrs Elspeth Bonds, in recognition of her years of service as Head Teacher of Theydon Bois Primary School. Councillor Jones paid tribute to the worthy winners and a copy of her report is attached.

1. Election of Chairman

Resolved:

There being no other nominations Councillor Sue Jones was duly elected as Chairman for the coming year

**Proposed: Cllr Philip
Seconded: Cllr Gooch**

2. Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Jones duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman for 2011-12.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman

Resolved:

There being no other nominations Councillor Mike Hannibal was duly elected as Vice-Chairman for the coming year

**Proposed: Councillor Gooch
Seconded: Councillor Hammond**

4. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Berry.

5. Declarations of Interest (existence and nature) with regard to items on the agenda. Members of the Council are subject to the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 (S.I.2007/1159) (The Revised Code)

None.

6. Public participation session with regard to items on the Agenda

6.1 Mr Newland, the Chair of Theydon Bois Community and Youth Trust (the Trust) made reference to Agenda Item 10.1 regarding the need for the Council to appoint initially one but ultimately two trustees to Theydon Bois Community and Youth Trust following the resignation of Councillor Vincent due to concerns about conflicts of interest. Mindful of the requirements and that the Parish Council Trustee could be a former Councillor who had held post within the past four years, Mr Newland explained that the Trust wished to put forward an ex-Parish Councillor, Mr Robert Glozier who had been approached and had indicated a willingness to take on this role. Councillor Jones confirmed that the matter would be considered further under the appropriate Agenda Item.

6.2 Mr Newland also pointed out that having written to the Council on behalf of the Trust on 6th May he had expected that a reply might have been available and/or that the issues raised would have been included in the Agenda. He stated that he would therefore like to formally request that the future of the Community and Youth Centre be included as an Agenda Item for the next Council Meeting to be held on 30th June.

7. Correspondence – Clerk’s Report

The Clerk explained that a full copy of her report had been circulated to all Councillors and was available from the Parish Office for any resident who may be interested. A full copy of the report is attached to these minutes. The Clerk drew particular attention to the following:

7.1 Letter from Roy Newland on behalf of Theydon Bois Community and Youth Trust received by email on 6th May and circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk read this letter out in full as requested.

7.2 Letter from Democratic Services EFDC dated 17th May inviting the Council to opt out of receiving paper copies of District Council Agendas and to rely on email notifications and the EFDC website to view online as required.

Agreed: The Council would prefer that hard copies of District Council Planning Committee Agendas continue to be supplied by EFDC. The Clerk will discuss this with Democratic Services.

7.3 Letter in response to the letter received from Stephen Hayhurst (Darlington’s Planning Consultant) as discussed at the previous Council Meeting.

8. To discuss and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th April, 2011

The draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th April, 2011 were

approved and signed by the Chair.

9. Standing Orders

9.1 Resolved:

That the Council adopts paragraph 12 (2) of the revised Code of Conduct

**Proposed: Councillor Philip
Seconded: Councillor Hammond
Carried unanimously**

9.2 Resolved:

That the Council adopts Standing Orders Issue 10 (4) as attached hereto

**Proposed: Councillor Philip
Seconded: Councillor Wood
Carried unanimously**

10. Roles and Responsibilities/Terms of Reference/Powers and Scheme of Delegation

10.1 The Clerk had previously circulated draft Parish Council Structure for 2011-12 and Councillors had had the opportunity to review the existing membership of Committees and Panels and of external appointments. It is proposed that Councillor Wood will join the Planning Committee. Councillor Philip reported that in view of his extra responsibilities at EFDC he intended to stand down from his role as Parish Council representative on the Village Association and that he proposed that Councillor Howard should join Councillor Purkiss as the Parish Council representatives on the Village Association. Councillor Philip also reported that he intended to stand down from the Highways and Environment Committee. Councillors Hammond and Howard indicated an interest in joining this Committee and Councillor Purkiss confirmed that he wished continue as the Council's Local Council Liaison Representative.

Resolved:

That the Parish Council Structure, including membership of Committees and Task and Finish Panels and appointments to external bodies for 2011-12 shall be in the form attached hereto

**Proposed: Councillor Philip
Seconded: Councillor Jones**

All in favour save for Councillor Purkiss who expressed a desire that the membership of the Highways and Environment Committee should remain unchanged.

10.2 **Agreed: That the RFO will liaise with the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Clerk with a view to drawing up a scheme of delegation for approval by the Council**

11. Community Centre

- 11.1 Councillor Jones confirmed that the Council had noted the suggestion from the Trust that Mr Glozier should be appointed as the initial Council representative on the Trust and explained that the Council would indeed be looking outside the Council for a suitable appointee. The Council has been advised that the appointee can be either an existing Councillor, an Officer of the Council or a former Councillor having served during the past four years.
- 11.2 Councillor Jones referred to Roy Newland's comments reference Agenda Item 5. At the last Parish Council Meeting held on 28th April and as agreed in their telephone conversation earlier that same day, Councillor Jones had reported that the Trust were seeking an informal meeting to discuss the outstanding issues regarding the future of the Community Centre. The Clerk had been endeavouring to arrange such a meeting with members of the Trust and all members of the Council which had yet to be finalised at the time the Agenda was prepared – hence the Agenda Item referring to 'an update on the lease negotiations'. In the meantime emails had been received from the Trust dated 6th and 25th May respectively setting out the Trust's views and also seeking an early transfer of the freehold of the building with full ownership passing to the Trust. The email dated 25th May (received after the Agenda had been published) stated that the Trust was now of the view that it is now more appropriate that the entire matter of the future of the Building should be dealt with at a Council meeting. A decision regarding the transfer of the ownership of the building to the Trust was clearly outside the ambit of the present meeting and that decision and the issues arising would be taken forward for discussion at the next Council Meeting to be held on 30th June.
- 11.3 Councillor Gooch reported that estimate had been supplied by Penman Electric and that investigation had been made regarding the proposed replacement lighting. Given the Council's views on similar lighting elsewhere in the village he was of the view that the lights should be replaced. The Trust has been approached to pay half the cost and reply is awaited.

Resolved:

That the Council progresses the request to Theydon Bois Community and Youth Trust to meet half the cost of the proposed replacement of the external lights at the Community and Youth Centre in accordance with the estimate supplied by Penman Electric dated 19th May 2011 but that in the meantime the work should proceed with the total cost to the Council not to exceed £465.

Proposed: Councillor Gooch

Seconded: Councillor Jones

Carried unanimously

- 11.4 Councillor Hammond proposed that the Council should proceed with the first phase of the fencing project at the community and Youth Centre with the remainder to be delayed pending the outcome of discussions with EFDC in connection with the boundary adjacent to the Council owned property in Red Oaks Mead. Councillor Hammond also proposed that the proposed gate across the access road should be closed for 24 hours once a year for legal reasons- this would not affect pedestrian access. Councillor Hannibal queried whether the

Council had received legal advice on this approach. The Clerk explained that no specific advice had been received but that provided any third parties with a right of way were provided with a key for the period during which the gate is closed then there shouldn't be a problem. Councillor Philip asked that the cost of the first phase and the total grant monies available be noted as it would appear that there may be insufficient monies to complete the entire project from the grants presently available.

Resolved:

That the Council do proceed with the first phase of the fencing project at the Community and Youth Centre in accordance with the estimate supplied by BPH Fencing dated 18th May, 2011. In making this resolution it is noted that:

- **The fencing project is to be completed on a phased basis owing to a complication which has arisen in connection with the boundary adjacent to a property in Red Oaks Mead;**
- **the cost of this first phase of the fencing project amounts to £6451.56;**
- **As the value of the work exceeds £1000 it is noted that the Council's Financial Standing Orders requires that three estimates be obtained. Three estimates were obtained for the purposes of the original grant applications and these have been previously circulated; and**
- **The cost of this project to be financed by the Grants offered by Essex Environment Trust (total grant £3980) and the Community Initiatives Fund (total grant £5000). The terms and conditions attached to the Grants having been noted.**

**Proposed: Councillor Philip
Seconded: Councillor Vincent
Carried unanimously**

12. Finance and General Purposes Committee

- 12.1 Councillor Philip reported that the Internal Audit Report for the year 2010/11 had been circulated to all Councillors as had the recommendations of the Finance and General Purposes Committee in relation thereto. Councillor Philip read out the recommendations of the Committee as set out in the draft minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Meeting held on 4th May.

Resolved: That the Council notes receipt of the Internal Auditors Report for 2010/11 and agrees with the recommendations of the Finance and General Purposes Committee in relation thereto

**Proposed: Councillor Philip
Seconded: Councillor Gooch
Carried unanimously**

- 12.2 The RFO reported that he had circulated Management Accounts with the outturn for 2010/11 together with the original and revised Council Budget for 2010/11. These reveal some minor overspends and under recoveries for which Council approval is required retrospectively. In relation to reserves the Council has exceeded its target as set out in its Reserves Policy and reserves equate to approximately 65% of the precept, the actual target being 50%.

Resolved: That the Council notes the outturn for 2010/11 and approves the authorisation of any overspends and under recoveries as referred to in the Report of the RFO dated 26th May.

**Proposed by: Councillor Philip
Seconded by: Councillor Gooch
Carried unanimously**

12.3 **Resolved: To approve, adopt and authorise the signature of the Council's Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011**

**Proposed by: Councillor Philip
Seconded by: Councillor Wood
Carried unanimously**

12.4

Resolved:

To approve and authorise the signature of the completed Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement as set out in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return Form for the year ending 31st March 2011

**Proposed by: Councillor Philip
Seconded by: Councillor Hannibal
Carried unanimously**

12.5 The RFO reported that he had circulated a list of payments made since the last meeting but that he did have one addition as invoice had subsequently been received from Fitzpatrick Services for £600 for gardening services at the Cemetery and Allotments for April and this was also for approval.

Agreed: To approve the payments made since the last meeting as previously circulated and as referred to above and to authorise the Chairman to sign list of said payments in acknowledgement of such approval

12.6 **Agreed: The Council's Budget for 2011/12 and the revision of the 2011/12 Budget to reflect the designated reserves in the 2010/11 accounts were noted and approved.**

12.7 The draft minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Meeting held on 4th May were duly noted.

13. Planning Committee

Councillor Gooch reported that since the last Parish Council Meeting with Public Participation held on 31st March the Planning Committee has reviewed 17 Planning Applications. Of these, the Committee objected to five applications.

14. Highways and Environment Committee

14.1 Councillor Purkiss reported that after further discussions it now appears that Essex County Council is looking at undertaking some joint repairs to the B172 Abridge Road (from the Viaduct to the M11 Bridge) and some re-surfacing.

14.2 Councillor Purkiss reported that ECC have advised that the long-awaited repairs to the pavement in Poplar Row are now due to be completed when the pavement is

repaired outside the bungalows in Poplar Row.

14.3 Councillor Vincent reported that the problem with the accumulation of rubbish to the rear of a property in Woburn Avenue had been resolved in so far as most of the rubbish had now been removed by EFDC with only a bag of sand remaining.

14.4 Councillor Vincent reported that there is still no sign of the long awaited TR0 15 being issued by ECC and that this is now more than two years overdue which is most unsatisfactory.

14.5 Councillor Vincent reported that the Council has been looking at the CCTV system within the village and considering options for an upgrade. This would be considered in a future budget.

15. Community Liaison Committee

15.1 Annual Parish Meeting

Councillor Jones reported that this had been held on Wednesday 11th May and had followed the same informal format as had been trialled in 2010. Councillors were happy with the format but the meeting had not been well attended and the Council would be looking at how it could be advertised more comprehensively in future. Councillor Jones expressed her thanks to Councillor Sowerby and the members of the Community Liaison Committee for organising the evening.

15.2 Theydon Seniors

Councillor Wood reported that the next Theydon Seniors event will take place on Friday 17th June between 3-5pm at the Village Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Theydon Bois Folk Dance Club who will give a display of Country Dancing.

15.3 Christmas Event 2011

This will take place on Thursday 1st December. Councillor Sowerby reported that members of the Committee have been continuing to make preliminary plans and the idea is for a late night shopping evening with stalls, some entertainment, school children singing and Santa's grotto in the village centre. It is still early days but the first meetings with local businesses have been very positive and a further meeting has been organised.

Agreed: To proceed with the Christmas Event for 2011 as proposed by the Task and Finish group appointed by the Community Liaison Committee and to authorise them to proceed with the necessary arrangements

15.4 Avenue of Trees Celebratory Event

Councillor Sowerby reported that arrangements are in hand for this village event which will take place on Saturday 11th June from 2pm until 4pm.

16. Cemetery Committee

Councillor Hammond reported that a letter had now been received from the Woodland Trust with formal offer of sale of some additional land adjacent to the Cemetery. This letter had been circulated to all Councillors. It was disappointing to note that the area being offered was less than had been indicated in previous

negotiations. Site meeting will be arranged for members of the Cemetery Committee to view the land on 14th June.

Resolution:

That the Council agrees to accept the offer of the purchase of additional land for an extension to the Cemetery as set out in the letter from the Woodland Trust dated 18th May 2011 and to proceed with the purchase of the land in principle subject to seeking confirmation from the kind donor of the purchase monies that his offer remains and subject to planning permission being granted for change of use of the land.

The Clerk will obtain three conveyancing estimates for the purchase and a planning application for change of use will be prepared and submitted, the advice of EFDC having been first obtained. The offer from the Woodland Trust as set out in their letter of 18th May will be acknowledged and confirmation obtained that the price of £10,000 is inclusive of the cost to divert the path. The offer of indemnity insurance in respect of the covenants relating to the title of the land was noted and it was agreed to accept said offer of insurance at the appropriate time.

That the Council will deal with the purchase of the land but that it is agreed to delegate to the Cemetery Committee all decisions in matters relating to the bringing into use of the extended area, including deciding upon whether the additional area should be consecrated or unconsecrated, whether the Council will offer green burials and obtaining estimates for hedging and fencing the boundaries.

Proposed by: Councillor Hammond

Seconded by: Councillor Vincent

Carried unanimously

17. Reports from Representatives

Councillor Wood (Parish Transport Representative) reported that it had come to her notice that buses are often running through early or not at all and that she would be speaking to Arriva. Any resident who would like to report similar problems can report the details to the Clerk or to Councillor Wood who will take any issues up.

18. Any other urgent business for report (without decision)

See Minute Reference 20. below.

19. Public Participation session

- 19.1 County Councillor Whitehouse queried the silver coloured security fence which is proposed for the Community and Youth Centre as it has come to her attention that a similar fence recently erected at Ivy Chimneys School by Epping Town Council has not been well received and there have been complaints about the visual impact. Councillor Hammond reported that similar green coated fencing as has been installed to the frontage of the Primary School is approximately 15% more expensive. A resident mentioned the possibility of growing a hedge around and through the fence to lessen the impact and thought that Village Groups such as the Rural Preservation Society may be interested in making a donation towards such a proposal. Council members also expressed some concerns about the visual impact of the approved scheme and representatives of the Trust noted the concerns about the appearance of the fence and agreed to try and address those concerns.

- 19.2 A resident expressed concern about the open ditch behind the Scout Hut and proposed that it be piped. Also with regard to the lack of adequate fencing between the Allotments and Scout Hut. These points were noted for further consideration in the context of the Community and Youth Centre site generally. The same resident also spoke in favour of a transfer of the site into Theydon Bois Community and Youth Trust as he expressed concern as to the ownership outcomes in the event of any future amalgamation or demise of the Parish Council.
- 19.3 A resident enquired about the future of the Darlington's Garage site. Councillor Gooch reported that the Council had granted a request from Darlington's for a pre-application meeting when Mr Darlington had confirmed that the intention is to close the garage business and to redevelop the site possibly with eight residential flats. At present however a planning application is awaited.

20. Matters excluding Public and Press: SJ

Pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following item of business:

Cemetery

Councillor Hammond reported that a matter had arisen in connection with an application for a memorial stone at the Cemetery the dimensions of which were apparently outside the Council's Cemetery Regulations and that there would be a short discussion of the issues arising. Discussion ensued to be continued once further information is to hand.

Sally Crone
Clerk to the Council

Cllr Sue Jones
Chairman
30.6.2011

Parish Council Meeting 26th May, 2011 - Agenda Item 6 (Appendix 1)

Clerks Report

I would like to report the following items of correspondence which are available in a folder on the desk to the rear of the hall for anyone who wishes to read them after the meeting:

1. Draft Minutes of the Highways and Environment Committee Meeting held on 28th April, 2011.
2. Draft Minutes of the Community Liaison Committee Meeting held on 26th April, 2011.
3. Draft Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 4th May, 2011.
4. Letter from Roy Newland on behalf of Theydon Bois Community and Youth Trust by email on 6th May. Details of the Trust's Insurance.
5. Emailed estimate from Penman Electric dated 19th May (reference Agenda Item 10.3) regarding replacement external lighting for the Youth and Community Centre.
6. Letter from Essex Environment Trust dated 10th May confirming that the lease arrangement with TBCAYT will not trigger any repayment clause in the Funding Agreement the Parish Council is entering into with the Trust. Email from EET confirming receipt of the Funding Agreement signed by the Council and confirming that EET will forward completed Funding Agreement shortly.
7. Letter from Woodland Trust dated 18th May with proposed terms of sale of additional land adjacent to the Council's Cemetery.
8. Letter from Democratic Services Officer at EFDC dated 17th May seeking decision as to whether the Council wishes to opt out of receipt of paper copies of EFDC Agenda Packs in favour of email notifications.
9. Email from Assistant Needs Manager (Homelessness) EFDC seeking donations towards the work of the Norway House Stakeholder Partnership which runs Epping Forest District Council's homelessness hostel.
10. May and June editions of 'Making the Links' from Essex County Council. Points of Interest from May edition: note that final number of responses submitted to the Minerals Development Document: Preferred Approach Consultation is 2400. Responses can be viewed at <http://consultessexcc.gov.uk>. Also Green Community Awards which could be of interest for Highways and Environment Committee reference Allotments.
11. The latest edition of the Essex Waste Partnership's Waste Strategy newsletter With information about how ECC's waste strategy is being delivered and proposed developments in the county. This edition focuses on the progress being made at the strategic waste management site at Courtauld Road, Basildon and gives information about plans for the site.

12. Bus Passenger News May/June 2011

13. Letter from Essex County Council dated 17th May confirming that following the consultation on public libraries that ECC's libraries have new timetables from 4th July 2011 and Customers will be able to pick up details either from libraries or from the ECC website.

14. EFDC Councillor Development Programme 2011/2012 Prospectus.

Sally Crone 24.5.2011

Villager of the Year and Community Awards 2011- Councillor Jones Report

One of my final jobs of the Council year is to select the recipient of our Villager of the Year Award. However, before I talk about that award I would like to announce a new award that the Parish Council has instigated this year. Over the past three years when I have considered the Villager of the Year it has sometimes been disappointing that some people put forward do not actually qualify for the award which is governed by set criteria. I know this sentiment has been shared by my predecessors. After discussing this with my fellow councillors we have decided to introduce a new Community Award that is to be presented in recognition of any individual's contribution to our community. Today I am extremely proud to present the first two Community Awards.

The first award is being presented to a young lady who has been prepared to commit time to trying to keep the youth of our village informed about events and activities through the village website. Our volunteer started working with the Newsdesk team as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award but her involvement has gone well beyond the requirements of this. She started from scratch with the Youth Pages and working with the Newsdesk team and Cllr Mike Hannibal she worked extremely hard to get the pages up and running. She has attended our Newsdesk meetings when her studies have allowed and I am sure I speak on behalf of all the members of the team when I say how impressed we have been by her contributions and ideas. We are aware that she has really had to juggle her study commitments and the work on the website in the final build up to her exams in recent months but I am delighted that she has been able to take a break from revision to be here tonight and it is with great pleasure that I present this award to Ellie Bedwell.

The recipient of our second award is extremely well known to many people in the village. She has been Head Teacher at our Primary school for thirteen years joining the staff there just six weeks before an OFSTED inspection. It was not the easiest of starts to a new job a somewhat adverse report meant that she was plunged into the deep end but despite this she set about reversing the school's fortune with determination and single mindedness. It would be very easy here to talk at length about the many, many achievements that Elspeth worked towards and gained for the school and our children. However I would like to try and focus just a little on Elspeth as a person. I am not sure if it still there but Elspeth used to have a poster hanging on the back of her office door. It listed all the jobs that the modern Head is expected to perform, these ranged from Head of PR through social worker to chief tea maker and washer up! Elspeth plays all these roles with enthusiasm determination and dedication. The village children are all very lucky to be able to attend a school like Theydon. The Head Teacher leads her staff with a driving force, determined to get the best out of each and every child at the school. Her enthusiasm is boundless. Just one example of this was the recent wedding. Of course to the majority of us know the only wedding everyone is talking about is the Royal Wedding but not here in Theydon Bois, for any parent of a child at Theydon Primary there is only one wedding worth talking about and that is the alternative wedding held the day before in the School Hall. The key players were played by children with the same names as those playing the leading roles the following day. The bride was driven to school by an ex-chair of Governors and the service was taken by Sue Barclay out Baptist Minister in front of a congregation of pupils and staff each dressed in outfits fit for the occasion. But it did not stop here, after the service we all filed out onto the playground to watch the coupe emerge onto the balcony - they had draped purple fabric over the rear fire escape and the children cheered waving the flags they had made. Finally it

was back in to the hall for a drink and cake and even a best man's speech. It really was a fantastic occasion and illustrated that Elspeth never does anything 'by halves'. The Head will I know be the first to acknowledge that she has only been able to achieve what she has through the hard work of her staff and I am really pleased to see many of them here tonight. I think it says a great deal about Elspeth that when I spoke to one of her deputies at 8.30 this morning they did not know anything about this evening's event. Elspeth had not mentioned it to anyone. It is I think the only evidence one needs of the high regard her staff have of Elspeth that so many have put other arrangements to the side and are here to share this evening with her. It gives me great pleasure to ask Cllr Pete Gooch, who was our representative on the Board of Governors for many years to join me to present this award to Elspeth Bonds.

Now, on to the main award of the evening. Each year the Villager of the Year award is presented to a resident in recognition of the voluntary work they have done in our village which has made a major contribution to our community. I have just reflected on how fortunate our children are to have the education they do at our school but education and experience do not stop at the school gates. For many years the volunteers working with our youngsters through the Guide and Scout movements have made an invaluable contribution to our children's lives. Often when I am talking to fellow councillors from other towns and parishes I hear comments such as 'of course we used to have a guide company, brownie pack or scout troop but unfortunately we couldn't get anyone to run it anymore.' Not so in Theydon we have thriving groups representing, I think, every section of the Guide and Scout Association and this is all down to the leaders who put so much time into the groups.

The time commitment is quite considerable, it is not just turning up for the weekly meetings but it is organising activities for these meetings and other outside events such as camps and jamborees. Even once the activities are planned there is still further time needed to find all the resources and equipment needed to ensure the children enjoy the meetings – no mean feat I am sure. Again I know that there are others involved and once again it is teamwork that makes all this possible but there are two people in particular who have committed a tremendous amount of their time and energy over many, many years and I wanted to recognise their dedication to the groups and for all they have given to so many children, through the benefits of belonging to the Guide or Scout Movements over the years.

I am very pleased to present The Villager of the Year Award for 2011 jointly to Liz Hannibal and Beryl Frankel.