

# Dorchester-on-Thames Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Abbey Guesthouse on Tuesday 26th April 2005 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Mrs Jenny Nudds presided. The meeting observed two minutes silence in memory of the Chairman, Cllr Mike Smith, who had died on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Sleigh, Mrs Helen Russell and Mrs Libby Vettewinkel

## 2. Minutes of the Meeting dated 5th May 2004

The Minutes of this Meeting were approved and signed as a true record

3. The Meeting received the annual reports of both County Cllr John Howell and District Cllr John Cotton after which there was an opportunity to ask questions.

## 4. Draft Accounts for year ended 31st March 2005

The Clerk distributed draft copies of the Parish Council's accounts that gave details of receipts and payments. Net Income of £1,832 for the year was slightly down on the figure of £2,099 in the previous year. Included in the Council's expenditure for the year had been Street Lights £1,554 and the Village Brochure (2nd edition) £1,200.

The Annual Precept had been set at £ 25,625 an increase of 2.5% on the previous year.

## 5. Presentations by Parish Councillors

Councillors responsible for the main activities of the Parish Council gave brief descriptions of their work involving Allotments; Cemetery; Flooding/Drainage; Footpaths; Parish Plan; Play Area & Recreation Ground; Street lighting; and Trees.

6. Hurst Water Meadow Trust

Dr Peter Pritchard, Hon. Secretary of the Trust, distributed copies of the Annual Report of the Hurst Water Meadow Trust and answered questions from the floor.