

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE VILLAGE ASSEMBLY HELD ON APRIL 15TH 2011

- 1 There were 19 people present including six parish councillors. Also present were Richard King (KCC) and Clair Bell (Ashford BC). Three parish councillors had apologised for absence.
- 2 Martin Newman (Parish Council Chairman) opened the meeting by welcoming those present. He referred to his Annual Report which had been delivered to all homes in the Parish and said he would welcome questions later. He particularly mentioned the Village Hall improvements (and the need for further fund raising). He also said the Council was following the Parish Plan which was a reflection of the parishioners priorities.
- 3 Richard King reported the success of KCC in imposing 7.5 ton weight restrictions on minor lanes – this should help in keeping large lorries away from the back lanes to Pivington Mill.
Mr King also said he had been able to make money available from his personal KCC allocation towards the refurbished recreation ground, the village hall improvements and Wealden Wheels.
He also mentioned that KCC would be promoting the Governments “Localism Agenda” which he welcomed as a means for more local action and decision making.
- 4 Clair Bell congratulated the Parish Council on an excellent Annual Report and she was pleased that enough parishioners had come forward to fill the new Parish Council. She also reported that Ashford BC has four priorities, job creation, recreation and leisure facilities and housing. Housing is now to be “quality driven” rather than just “numbers driven”. Also important to note was that Ashford would retain a weekly food waste collection, there would be no Council Tax rise in 2011, recycling facilities would be improved across the Borough and that no Ashford waste goes to landfill – it is all taken to the “waste to energy” plant at Allington where it is converted to electricity. There was also a proposal to fit the Council’s homes with solar panels to conserve energy.
- 5 The meeting closed at 8.10pm and parishioners joined with councillors in a glass of wine or soft drink.

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