

**MADRESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE 121<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**Held at Madresfield School on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT:

Cllrs. Mr D Craig (Chairman), Mr C Eden, Mr C Freeman, Rev S Irwin.  
Also Mr D Sharp (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Mr R Baldwin

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF LAST YEARS MEETING:

The Minutes of the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. ANNUAL REPORTS:

i. Parish Council:

The Chairman thanked all the councillors for their work over the year and welcomed Cllr. Freeman who had been co-opted onto the Parish Council in December. The Parish Council had actively lobbied WCC to make improvements to the damaged verges in Rectory Lane and had managed to secure a Vehicle Activated Sign that was being shared with Newland and Guarlford parishes. The problem of parking outside the primary school was being looked at by the local policing team.

ii. Primary School:

No report had been received.

iii. Village Charities:

Cllr. Eden reported that the interest earned by the education fund was being used by the primary school to fund trips for pupils and that it had not been necessary this winter to make heating grants to residents.

iv. Footpaths Warden:

Cllr. Baldwin's report was presented by the Clerk: Stiles, gates and signs are generally in good order and Cllr. Baldwin had cut back some vegetation. There were two areas on land owned by Madresfield Estate that had become very muddy due to the presence of cattle and he had contacted the estate manager, Peter Hughes, about the problem. The newly created paths on Conservators land, adjacent to Townsend Way were in very good condition and provided a pleasant walk in increasingly mature woodland.

v. Tree Warden:

Cllr. Craig reported that there was no evidence locally of ash die back and he mentioned that about 9000 trees had been planted on land between Mayfield Road and Sherrards Green..

vi. Finance:

The Clerk presented the annual accounts which would be approved at the annual parish council meeting, held later.

5. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Nothing further was discussed

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.