

# **Yeohead and Castleton Parish Council**

## **Chairman's Report to the AGM for year ending April 2010**

Another year has come and gone for our Council and although we are not as large as some, our responsibilities are just as important and to that end I want to thank all the Councillors and especially our Clerk for dealing with the extensive workload he has to undertake on behalf of all our Parishes.

Thanks again go to Mr Jim Hart. Last year it was " The Dog Walk " on the Terrace in Sherborne and this year the footpaths and rights of way pages added to our website helping to promote our area.

We purchased and installed two gritting bins, one in Poyntington the other in Osborne. Three hardy volunteers installed the Poyntington bin one frosty Sunday and by Monday morning Dorset County Council had filled it with grit. Both bins proved their value this Winter.

We dealt with some 16 planning applications, several involving improvements to our local farms. The major issue as last year was the highly unpopular application to infill part of a field just outside Poyntington. We were well supported by both our County and District councillors culminating in a unanimous rejection by the County Council Planning Committee.

We agreed to the purchase and installation of an adventure trail in Osborne play area with funds raised by the local community, also supported with grant aid the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance; Nordcat; the three PCC's to assist with the churchyard maintenance in Osborne Poyntington and Goathill; the play area managers in Poyntington and Osborne towards the cost of maintenance; Osborne Village Hall Committee towards the cost of their kitchen work and " The Queen Thorne " parish magazine.

All in all quite a busy year.