

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS SCHEME WORKING PARTY held at 7.30 pm at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 18 NOVEMBER 1996

Present:- Councillor
R W L Stone -
Chairman.

Councillors E C
Abrahams, Mrs D
Cornell, D W
Gregory,
Mrs J E Menell
and N G Prowse.

Officers in attendance:- Mrs A Selfe and J Unwin.

I. COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Working Party considered nominations which had been received from Parish Councils for granting Community Achievement Awards in recognition of the contributions which the individuals concerned had made for the benefit of their local community. The Council had decided to introduce the Awards Scheme to show some recognition of the value to local communities of the voluntary work carried out by many individuals over many years. It was felt that most parishes benefited from the work of such individuals and the scheme offered an opportunity for the community to acknowledge their work.

As the scheme had been introduced this year for the first time, the Working Party discussed the way in which the scheme should operate and considered how the awards should be allocated to ensure that the scheme was both reasonable and fair. It was also suggested that more parish councils needed to be encouraged to make nominations. Members commented that whilst many of the nominations received this year were very worthy, it was considered that some Members knew of individuals in neighbouring villages who were equally deserving but had not been nominated.

Regarding the total number of awards to be made it was felt that the suggestion made in the report that the Working Party might recommend between 15 and 20 individuals to receive a certificate was reasonable but that care should be taken to ensure that awards were only made when appropriate. 19 nominations had been received and the Working Party considered each nomination individually and decided to make an Award in 15 cases.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1 the Amenities Sub-Committee make Community Achievement Awards to the following people - Mrs E Denchfield, Mrs P Hockley, Mrs J Martin, Mrs I Ropkins, R Loveday, Mrs J Reavey, Mrs E Rutterford, Pastor P Kraay, Mrs F Gray, Mrs J Turnbull, Mrs M Drane, Mr N Mead, Mrs J Hollis, Mrs M Johnson and D Weaver.
- 2 Clavering Parish Council be asked to consider nominating E C Abrahams again next year when he was no longer Chairman of the Council.

Note: Councillor Abrahams left the meeting while this nomination was being discussed.
- 3 As Mr Loveday had died since the nomination was made that his widow first be asked if she would be prepared to accept a posthumous award.
- 4 Appropriate arrangements be made to devise a system so that in future the Awards could be allocated on a rational basis according to agreed guidelines or categories.

- 5 Parish Councils be actively encouraged to make nominations and be informed of the appropriate criteria.

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm.

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