

**HAWSTEAD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7 P.M. ON THURSDAY 17th MAY 2012.**

Present: Cllr John West & Clerk Marilyn Bottomley.
C Cllr Terry Clements & B Cllr Mrs Angela Rushen
20 villagers

Apologies: Cllrs Ros Alexander & Henry Brewis

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 19th May 2011.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th May 2011 were circulated to all present, approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. (Proposed by R Milnes, seconded by M Harrison – all in favour).

ANNUAL REPORTS

C.Cllr Mr Terry Clements – full report for the year attached covering Council Tax, Adult & Community Services, Education, Broadband, Libraries, Review of Property, Children’s Social Care, Waste & Recycling/Energy from Waste, Fire Service and closing with a personal note.

B. Cllr Mrs Angela Rushen - verbal report provided covering Rural Vision 2031, retirement of Borough Council staff, Council Tax, controversial Yellow Lines and Car parking charges for Nowton Park, Christmas Market and update on The Apex, Rural Area issues and the Localism Act. (Full report attached)

Police - a report had been received by the Clerk and circulated to all present covering Priorities, Performance & Public Confidence, Estates, Police & Crime Commissioners, Local Issues and Actions. (Full report attached)

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Hawstead Community Council - report attached & tabled.

History Recorder’s report. Read by the Hawstead History Recorder (Mrs K Caldwell). Full report attached.

Carpet Bowls – we have enjoyed another year at the Bowls Club and held our AGM on 14th February. Unfortunately Terry Rushen has had to resign as our Chairman. Bill Crockford has become our new Chairman, with Simon Miller as Vice Chairman and I am Secretary/Treasurer.

Our membership stands at 16 with an average weekly attendance of 10. Last year we played a number of friendly matches against other clubs and this year so far we have played 2 friendlies. Unfortunately we cannot claim to have won any matches outright but we have had a brilliant time and enjoyed great hospitality at away matches.

We really enjoy our Tuesday evenings and would love to see some new members – whether you can play bowls or not. We have a very friendly evening – with tea, coffee and biscuits at half time. We meet at 7.30 and I think that the laughter that comes from the Hall on a Tuesday evening can probably be heard well on the way to Lawshall!! Please come along and see us – you would be made very welcome.

FINANCIAL REPORT – copies circulated (attached). .

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT - verbal report provided on the parish council’s work during the year - full report attached.

PARISH MATTERS

Article in Hawstead Journal regarding roads. Concern expressed over the way traffic has developed – lack of speed limit on Bells Lane (60 mph). SCC has been approached on this issue by a villager – without success. Agenda item for the Annual Parish Council meeting for further discussion.

Cutting back low hanging branches – noted but wrong time of the year to undertake this work. Concern expressed over the reduced number of villagers supporting the church – reference made to Bradfield Combust.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - to be advised. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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