

**HAWSTEAD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7 P.M. ON THURSDAY 16th MAY 2013.**

Present: Cllr John West & Clerk Catherine Hibbert.
C Cllr Terry Clements & B Cllr Mrs Angela Rushen
Approx 25 villagers

Apologies: Mr P Caldwell- history recorder;
Mrs Joan Baker;
Cllr Brewis (will arrive late).

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 17th May 2012.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th May 2012 were circulated to all present, approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. (Proposed by J West, seconded by R Milne – all in favour).

ANNUAL REPORTS

C.Cllr Mr Terry Clements – report for the year covering Council Tax, Raising the Bar initiative in education, residential care homes, growth strategy for Suffolk, Broadband for Suffolk, libraries, energy from waste initiatives to improve links with armed forces and their families based in Suffolk and local road improvements. (Full report attached).

B. Cllr Mrs Angela Rushen - report for the year covering shared services with Forest Heath District Council, Council tax, collaboration between the Apex and the Theatre Royal, Rural Vision 2031, car parking, Parish Conferences, 'A' board review, Cupola House, development at the Victory Ground, controversial yellow lines and local road conditions. (Full report attached).

Police - a report had been received by the Chair which noted that there had been no recorded crimes in Hawstead since the previous police report. A resident noted that there had been at least one burglary which was not included in the report. (Full report attached; this will be loaded onto the website)

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Hawstead Community Council - report from JP Bulbrook (treasurer) summarising the many and varied events for which the village hall was used including the jubilee party, fete, weddings, wine tasting, Alpha Course. A new treasurer is sought. (Full financial report attached).

History Recorder's report. Full report attached; this will be loaded onto the website.

Carpet Bowls – report by Mrs Rosemary Harrison on the year's enjoyable activities; new members welcome. Full report attached.

All Saints Church Hawstead – report by Mrs Rosemary Harrison which highlighted events and regular worship which have taken place through the year together with the financial challenges facing the Church, particularly in relation to churchyard maintenance. Full report attached.

HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT – report by the clerk (Full report attached).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - verbal report provided on the Parish Council's work during the year. Notable achievements include making the PC meetings more open, business-like and accessible, improving communications within the village through the website and email distribution list and the resolution of various local highway issues. In particular, thanks were extended to (1) C Cllr Clements and B Cllr Rushen for their regular attendance at the PC meetings and their ready response on various local issues; (2) Mr Carr and Mr Butt for their welcome assistance with trees and footpaths; (3) all the Parish Councillors for their hard work through the year, noting in particular that Cllr Robinson had acted as chair whilst the current chair had been unwell; (4) the Carters for production of the Hawstead Journal and finally (5) Charlie Rigall for his sterling work keeping the ditches and hedgerows around the village tidy - full report attached.

PARISH MATTERS

To be dealt with in the public forum section of the Hawstead PC meeting on 16 May 2013.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 15th May 2014. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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