

**HAWSTEAD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
AT 7 P.M. ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2015.**

Present: P Cllr John West & Clerk C Hibbert.  
C Cllr Terry Clements  
B Cllr Angela Rushen  
Approx 15-20 members of the public

Apologies: Mr and Mrs Harrison.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2014 were circulated to all present, approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. (Proposed by H Brewis, seconded by R Alexander – all in favour).

ANNUAL REPORTS

**C.Cllr Mr Terry Clements** – report for the year covering Council Tax, Council savings, education, apprenticeships, Broadband for Suffolk ([www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com](http://www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com)), emergency services and vulnerable groups ([www.suffolkhatecrime.org.uk](http://www.suffolkhatecrime.org.uk)) . (Full report attached; this will be uploaded onto website).

**B. Cllr Mrs Angela Rushen** - report for the year covering locality budgets and current BC priorities, including encouraging family resilience, affordable housing and waste. (Full report attached; this will be loaded onto the website).

**Police** – no recent crimes reported.

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**Hawstead Community Council** - report from R Harrison read out by Emma Hatton summarising the many and varied regular and one off-events for which the village hall was used during the year including wine tasting, carpet bowls, tractor club, wedding/christening venue, beekeeping, village fete, quiz nights, village curry night, PC meetings etc. The hall continues to be a great success, enjoyed by all who use it and has benefitted from the new screen and bench purchased by the locality grant.

**History Recorder's report.** Reports now being completed in line with the calendar year and posted onto the website. Local history recorders are encouraged to collate any artefacts of local interest such as programmes and scrapbooks; Mr Parrett was pleased to have the Hawstead Parish notebook (1917-) and the History of Hawstead written by the Reverend Cullum (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.1813) available for inspection at the meeting.

**Hawstead website.** Mr Parrett manages the website on behalf of the Council and this has been expanded to include photos, history recorder reports, the Hawstead Journal and other local information/links. The meeting thanked Mr Parrett for the work he has done to improve and maintain the website.

**All Saints Church Hawstead** – report from the church (read by Sonja Monk) highlighting events, fundraising activities, volunteer activity and regular worship which has taken place through the year.

**Carpet Bowls** – report on the year's enjoyable activities; new members welcome. (Full report attached; this will be loaded onto website).

HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT – report by the clerk (Full report attached; this will be loaded onto website).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Mr J West reported on the Parish Council's work during the year. Notable achievements included acquiring the speedwatch equipment, being placed in the Suffolk Village of the year competition, acquiring an automatic defibrillator for village use following a fundraising initiative, purchasing a replacement bench and improving local communications via the website and email distribution list, all whilst holding precept at the same level. In particular, thanks were extended to; (1) C Cllr Clements, B Cllr Rushen and PCOS Welford for their regular attendance at the PC meetings and their ready response on various local issues; (2) Mr Carr and Mr Butt for their assistance with trees and footpaths and in particular Mr Carr for organising the re-laying of the Millennium Field hedge; (3) all the Parish Councillors for their hard work through the year, including former Cllr J Robertson who has now stood down; (4) the Carters for production of the Hawstead Journal; and (5) Mr Andy Parrett for his work on the website (Full report attached; this will be loaded onto website).

PARISH MATTERS

A member of the public expressed concern about the response of the PC in relation to work he had done on the village Green. It was noted that this matter was on the agenda for discussion at the subsequent PC meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – third Thursday in May 2016. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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