

**HAWSTEAD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
AT 7 P.M. ON THURSDAY 15th MAY 2014.**

Present: Cllr John West & Clerk C Hibbert.  
C Cllr Terry Clements  
Approx 20 members of the public

Apologies: Mr and Mrs Harrison;  
B Cllr Rushen (will arrive late).

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were circulated to all present, approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. (Proposed by C Robinson, seconded by J Robertson – all in favour).

ANNUAL REPORTS

**C.Cllr Mr Terry Clements** – report for the year covering Council Tax, Raising the Bar initiative in education, A14 improvements, apprenticeships, Broadband for Suffolk, and Speedwatch equipment. (Full report attached; this will be uploaded onto website).

**B. Cllr Mrs Angela Rushen** - report for the year covering shared services with Forest Heath, Council Tax, Vision 2031, development control, families and community strategy, car parking and tourist information. (Full report attached; this will be loaded onto the website).

**Police** – no report received, but the recent low level of reported crime was noted.

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**Hawstead Community Council** - report from R Milns (treasurer) 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, beekeeping, village fete, quiz nights, village curry night, PC meetings etc. Increased income for the year was largely balanced by increased overhead expenditure. Hall hire charges will be frozen for residents but otherwise increased; changes to the constitution of the HCC are currently under consultation. The hall continues to be a great success, enjoyed by all who use it.

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

**All Saints Church Hawstead** – report from Lesley Carey (read by Sonja Monk) highlighting events and regular worship which have 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.

**Maglia Rosso** – Mr Barry Denny reported on the refurbishment and conversion of the former Metcalfe Arms into a cycling shop and licensed café. Current operations are limited to daytime hours but consideration will be given to the occasional evening event in response to local demand.

**Khaki Devil Ltd** – Mr Taf Gillingham reported that the WW1 uniform hire business was due to have fully transferred to Hawstead by the end of May 2014 and that works authorised by the planning permission for Brook Green were nearing completion.

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 maintaining the Green, resurfacing the car park, new noticeboards, new oak benches and goalposts (on order) and replacement Xmas lights; the website has been upgraded and communications via website and email distribution list continue to improve. 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 assistance with trees and footpaths; (3) all the Parish Councillors for their hard work through the year; (4) the Carters for production of the Hawstead Journal; (5) Mr Andy Parret and Mr Rod Jackson for their work on the website and finally (6) Charlie Rigall for his tireless work keeping the ditches and hedgerows around the village tidy - full report attached; this will be loaded onto website.

PARISH MATTERS

A member of the public expressed concern that the PC had overridden local objection to the development proposals at Brook Green in formulating its response to the December 2013 planning consultation on the same and queried why the PC had reached the conclusion to provide conditional support to, rather than opposition against, these proposals.

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

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