

**HAWSTEAD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7 P.M. ON THURSDAY 19th MAY 2016.**

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

Apologies: C Cllr T Clements, P Cllrs Brewis and Robinson.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 21st May 2015.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st May 2015 were circulated to all present, approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. (Proposed by Mr D Carter, seconded by Cllr P Barham – all in favour).

ANNUAL REPORTS

C.Cllr Mr Terry Clements – report for the year covering Council Tax, children's services, education, apprenticeships, Broadband for Suffolk, rural transport and devolution was received. (Full report attached; this will be uploaded onto website).

B. Cllr Mrs Angela Rushen - report received covering proposed local developments, Council tax, brown bins, WSOH, recycling centre, the new Barleyfields affordable housing company, locality money, rural initiative grant and proposed relocation of the main Bury GPO. B Cllr Rushen recommended that residents take advantage of the (currently) free St Eds consultation service prior to submitting any planning application. (Full report attached; this will be loaded onto the website).

Police –report received covering previous 12 months. PC Darren Marshall (Safer Neighbourhood Officer) highlighted recent changes to Suffolk Constabulary including cessation of several station counter services and reduction in number of beat officers offset by increase in number of emergency response officers. Continue to call 101 for non-urgent contact with local police. (Full report attached; this will be uploaded onto website).

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Hawstead Community Council - report from Mr D Dawson 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, village bbq, wedding/christening venue, music, village fete, quiz nights, greek night, PC meetings etc. The hall continues to be a great success, enjoyed by all who use it and will benefit from new equipment purchased via the locality grant which will support the establishment of a regular games night. The HCC has also financially supported a number of other village events, including a pantomime visit, local art show etc. The aim of the HCC continues to be to offer free and low cost opportunities for residents to meet in a wide variety of settings. Many residents volunteer their time and effort to support the village hall, for which many thanks. New volunteers always welcome. (Full report attached; this will be loaded onto the website).

History Recorder's report. Mr Parrett noted that Suffolk has a good tradition of history recording and noted that his most recent report for Hawstead is available on the website. He hopes to make a digitised version of the History and Antiquities of Hawstead and Hardwick available on the website. The Chairman thanked Mr Parrett for his hard work and diligence in this regard.

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. Mr Parrett welcomes any photos for use on the website. 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 Rosemary Harrison) highlighting events, fundraising activities, volunteer activity and regular worship which has taken place through the year. (Full report attached; this will be loaded onto the website).

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

Oil Buyers Group – details of this local oil buying syndicate were explained by Cllr Harrison. (Full report attached; this will be loaded onto website).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - P Cllr J West reported on the Parish Council's work during the year. He remarked upon increasing attendance at meetings and improving transparency of meetings via use of videos; notable achievements this year include maintenance of Parish assets and finances in good condition and updating of the byelaws. A key PC objective remains to promote good village communication via the

website and email distribution (Thanks to Mr Parrett for his support). The Hawstead Journal edited and produced by Mr and Mrs Carter, funded by the PC, HCC and residents and delivered by volunteers continues to be well received. Thanks were extended to C Cllr Clements and B Cllr Rushen, the Parish Councillors, James Carr (tree warden), the Clerk and Doc and Flo Lacey for their support with the work of the Parish Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18 May 2017. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

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