

**HAWSTEAD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7 P.M. ON THURSDAY 18th MAY 2017.**

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

Apologies: C Cllr T Clements and P Cllr Brewis.

With great sadness, the meeting heard that B Cllr Angela Rushen had passed away in the last week. Those present remembered the huge contribution she had made to Hawstead and the surrounding villages over the course of many years both in her capacity as resident, friend, Chair of the Parish Council and, latterly, Borough Councillor.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 19th May 2016.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th May 2016 were circulated to all present, approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. (Proposed by Mr B Jewers, seconded by Cllr C Carr – all in favour).

ANNUAL REPORTS

C.Cllr Mr Terry Clements – report for the year covering health, education, elderly and vulnerable residents, local road and rail improvements, local sport and fitness initiatives was received and noted. (Full report attached; this will be uploaded onto website). C Cllr Clements, having now been appointed as Bury St Edmunds mayor, was thanked for the support he has given to the village as County Councillor. He is succeeded in this role by Karen Soons.

Police –report received and noted. (Full report attached; this will be uploaded onto website).

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Hawstead Community Council - report (read by Mrs G West) 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, pot luck supper, Queens birthday party, PC meetings etc. Three new event tents have been purchased. Many residents volunteer their time and effort to support the village hall, for which many thanks. New volunteers would be greatly appreciated. (Full report attached; this will be loaded onto the website).

Website and History Recorder's report. Report from Mr Parrett (read by P Cllr Robinson). (Full report attached: this will be uploaded onto the website).

All Saints Church Hawstead – report from Lesley Carey (read by P Cllr Harrison) highlighting the retirement of Rev Jayne Buckles and recent appointment of Rev Jeremy Parsons, the efforts of many to maintain regular worship during the interregnum period, church 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).

CLERK'S REPORT – The Clerk reported on the finances of the Parish Council. (Full report attached; this will be uploaded onto the website).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - P Cllr J West reported on the Parish Council's work during the year. He highlighted its sound finances, the range of assets which are maintained; he thanked Cllr H Brewis and Mr A Parrett for the improving village communications and noted that the Council website run by Mr Parrett had been recognised in the 'Suffolk Best Website Of The Year Competition - Small Village Category'; he reported on the community meeting in January with Matthew Hancock MP to discuss broadband concerns; road safety continues to be an issue and he thanked Cllr Harrison for monitoring the condition of the roads and Cllr Robinson for running the Speedwatch scheme; he thanked Cllrs Carr, Alexander and Barham for monitoring the condition of the greens, trees and footpaths and Mr James Carr for his work as tree officer. Thanks to the clerk. 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.

P Cllr Robinson thanked P Cllr West for his work as chairman of the Parish Council.

PUBLIC SESSION – The meeting heard that according to information from the MP, eleven house in the village will not benefit from the current broadband upgrade proposals; if these can be identified, lobbying efforts on their behalf can be made.

Those present were asked to vote for a name for the newly cleared area of green. *The winning nomination was confirmed after the meeting as Hawstead Brook.*

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17 May 2018. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

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