

**HAWSTEAD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7 P.M. ON THURSDAY 17th MAY 2018.**

Present: P Cllr J West & Clerk C Hibbert.
Approx 15 members of the public

Apologies: B Cllr M Chester and P Cllr Alexander. A Parrett

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 18th May 2017.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th May 2017 were circulated and approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. (Proposed by CC, seconded by HB – all in favour).

ANNUAL REPORTS

C.Cllr Mrs K Soons – report for the year covering education, local authority budget, broadband, energy efficiency grants and local road conditions was received and noted. (Full report attached; this will be uploaded onto website).

B Cllr M Chester – report for the year covering boundary changes, the new West Suffolk Council, the waste hub, litter and the BSE town centre masterplan was received and noted. It was noted that Hawstead bowls club had benefitted from the locality budget this year by receipt of a grant used to buy some new storage equipment. (Full report attached; this will be uploaded onto website).

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 the Vice Chair) summarising the many and varied regular and one off-events for which the village hall was used during the year, finances, maintenance programme and new Trustees. (Full report attached; this will be loaded onto the website).

Website and History Recorder's report. Report received from the history recorder and website controller. (Full report attached: this will be uploaded onto the website where reports from previous years can also be found).

All Saints Church Hawstead – Report received from the church warden, highlighting the sad recent death of church warden and resident, Mr S Miller, who is greatly missed by all who knew and worked with him, the arrival to the Benefice of a new vicar, church events, fundraising and voluntary activities 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 and the new equipment funded by the locality budget; 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; (i) the rolling programme of maintenance for the Greens, trees and footpaths; (ii) the acquisition of a new footbridge for one of the Greens; (iii) the introduction of a tree scheme for the benefit of all residents; (iv) the reduction in the precept for 18/19 to £7,000; (v) the continuing speedwatch scheme; (vi) the donation made to the Lawshall pre-school appeal; (vii) continuing efforts to improve local Broadband service and provide good communication of local news to residents via the website and email list and the Hawstead Journal. It was noted that new editors are sought for The Hawstead Journal. Mr West thanked all Councillors for their particular contributions and also thanked the tree warden and editors of the website and the Hawstead Journal for their valuable contribution to the community. Full report to website.

PUBLIC SESSION – A query was raised as to whether cut grass would be cleared from Pound Green; the meeting heard that the ability to clear would depend upon the equipment used by the appointed contractor. A resident commented on the poor condition of the car park at the Alms-houses.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16th May 2019. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

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