

HOXNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Hoxne
held at St Edmund's Village Hall, Hoxne on Thursday 30 April 2015 at 7.30pm
under the Chairmanship of Councillor Edward O'Connor**

Present: Edward O'Connor (Chair), Sarah Foote (Clerk), Parish Councillors John Brawn, Stuart Hart, Stuart Jarrold, Rod Searle, Michael Knights, Ellen Pitt, Hannah Mayhew, County Councillor Guy McGregor, District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries, PCSO Dave Faulkner and 31 parishioners.

Minutes from 2014 Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 8 May 2014

The minutes were read and accepted by the meeting.

REPORTS:

Hoxne Parish Council – Chairman's report

Cllr Edward O'Connor gave his report of the work of the Parish Council during the last year; replacement of all street lights in the parish, installation of traffic calming scheme and purchase of a vehicle activated sign.

Suffolk Police – PCSO Dave Faulkner gave a report on behalf of PCSO Steven Long, the Community Police Officer for the parish, which detailed 21 crimes in the parish during the last year. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Suffolk County Council – County Councillor Guy McGregor gave his report of the work of the County Council during the last year. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk. A question was asked about the portable antiquities scheme provided by the Suffolk County Archaeology service. Cllr McGregor responded that a new regime at the County Council would soon be in place and he hoped that the county archaeology service would be revitalised.

Mid Suffolk District Council – District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries gave her report of the work of the District Council during the last year and the continued integration with Babergh District Council. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

1st Fressingfield Scout Group – Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne, Group Scout Leader, gave his report which was pertinent to Hoxne as 26% of the 150 current members were from the parish. Mr Aalders-Dunthorne also gave the meeting details of the pressing need for the Scout Group to acquire new premises in Fressingfield. The existing hall was no longer fit for purpose. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Hoxne Heritage Group – a report was given by Dr Sillis. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Hoxne Music Festival Committee

Mr Stuart Jarrold reported that the Music Festival was held every other year, therefore, 2015 was a fundraising year and the next festival would take place during Whitsun Bank Holiday May 2016. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Hoxne Playingfield Association

Mrs Felicity Golding gave a report which included details of the recently completed installation of new play equipment. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Hoxne Village Recorder

A report was supplied by Dr Sillis who had taken on the role on behalf of the Parish in December 2013. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

The Maynard Trust

Mrs Felicity Golding gave a report, as the Parish Council appointed representative on the Trust. The Trust meets four times a year and provides education support grants to residents of Hoxne. The Trust has an annual income of £2555 of which nearly all given back out in grants – 19 during the last year. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

The Phoenix Group

The Chairman, Mrs Bradford gave her report. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

St Edmund’s Hall

Michael Knights gave a brief and impromptu report as the expected report had not been received. The AGM would be held on 28 May. Parishioners were encouraged to attend the AGM to find out more details of becoming a ‘Friend of the Village Hall’ and how to get involved without the commitment of becoming a Trustee of the Hall.

St Edmund’s Pre-School

The report was given by Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne as part of the Primary School report.

Waveney Valley Partnership of Schools – St Edmund’s Primary School

Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne, Executive Headteacher of the Waveney Valley Partnership of Schools gave his report A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

St Peter and St Paul Parochial Church Council

Brian Chester gave a report which confirmed that the new ‘Vicar’ was now a ‘Rector’ and through the work of the Rector and his team, the Church was involved in much more and the variety and number of services had been increased. The Rector continued to look after seven parishes. The Church was open every day. The Friends of the Church continued to be well supported and worked hard to raise funds for the Church. £73 per day was the current cost to run the Church.

Village Voice Magazine

Dawn Lodge gave a report on behalf of the Village Voice. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Garden Club

Claire Whiting reported that the Garden and Ramblers Club continued to meet each month and welcomed any new members. The Annual Show was open to all parishioners to enter exhibits.

Any other business:

Should Hoxne have a Village Sign? The Parish Plan of 2010 referred to this concept. .

Do you value the Swan Public House as a Community Asset? The Parish Council Chairman reported that the Parish Council had submitted a nomination for the Swan PH to be designated an Asset of Community Value.

Could Hoxne be the Mid Suffolk Village of the Year – the Parish Council would be placing an entry for Hoxne to be considered for the Mid Suffolk Village of the Year.

The Chairman thanked all those who had attended the meeting and particularly those who had taken the time to deliver their reports.

The meeting closed at 21.05

Signed **Edward O’Connor, Chairman.**

Date **2016**

