

HOXNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Hoxne held at St Edmund's Village Hall, Hoxne on Thursday 14 April 2016 at 7.30pm under the Chairmanship of Councillor Edward O'Connor

Present: Edward O'Connor (Chair), Sarah Foote (Clerk), Parish Councillors Clive Baxter, John Brawn, Mick Procner, Richard Whiting, Michael Knights, Steve Rich, County Councillor Guy McGregor, District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries and 21 parishioners.

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The minutes were read and accepted by the meeting.

REPORTS:

Hoxne Parish Council – Chairman's report

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Suffolk County Council – County Councillor Guy McGregor gave his report of the work of the County Council during the last year. Congratulated the Primary School and High school for their performance and commended the work at Stradbroke Library. Cllr McGregor remained concerned for highway maintenance, or lack of it, and the increasing number of potholes.

A parishioner asked about the B1118 (as they quoted a County Council highway and an approved lorry route) They asked Cllr McGregor what he had been doing on behalf of the parishioners to try and alleviate the serious conditions on a daily basis on the road. In their opinion there was no record of Cllr McGregor doing anything about the road and the current build out was a waste of public money and that if something was not done about speeding vehicles, and safety on the road, there would be a fatality.

Cllr McGregor replied that during his term of office he had extended the footway east to Mulberry Cottage. However, enforcement of speeding was a Police matter. Cllr McGregor had sat on the Road Safety Board which had been played a part in driving down the number of skilled and seriously injured. Cllr McGregor concluded that parishioners needed to accept fact that commerce had to exist and the B1118 serves businesses and farmers.

Mid Suffolk District Council – District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries gave her report of the work of the District Council during the last year. Has served nine years and will now become chairman of MSDC therefore her last year as District Councillor. Congratulations were offered to Cllr Gibson-Harries. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Suffolk Police – no report was available. The Clerk updated the meeting on the staffing levels a Eye Police Station and local policing provision.

1st Fressingfield Scout Group – Scout Leader Michael Knights gave a report on behalf of the Group to.

Hoxne Garden Club – Claire Whiting summarised a report which is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Hoxne Heritage Group – a report was provided by Dr Sillis and read on her behalf. 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 had had a busy year preparing for the 2016 Festival which would take place on the bank holiday weekend at the end of May. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Hoxne Playingfield Association

Mr Phil Golding, Chairman of Hoxne Playingfield Committee gave a report which confirmed the success of the play equipment, probably one of the best examples in the County and used by families not just in this village but other villages. A monitoring system was now in place to check the safety of the equipment.

Football Club had a successful year and would be playing at Portman Road. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

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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 has been going for over 200 years and relates to the donation given to be spent on education by the people of Hoxne, not just children. The Trust is keen to portion support to anyone looking for support for education. 11 applications during the last year, school trips, university trip to Guyana, support for children going to one day trips, scout trips to Kenya and an allocation to the Parochial Church Council and the Primary School Literary Award. 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.

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Village Hall Committee member, Mrs Vivienne Bradford, gave a 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.

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A report was ready by Jenny Knight. Village Voice Magazine. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

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

Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne, Executive Headteacher of the Waveney Valley Partnership of Schools had provided a report which was read in his absence. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

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Signed Edward O’Connor, Chairman.

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