

## HOXNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Hoxne held at St Edmund's Village Hall, Hoxne on Friday 28 April 2017 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 Procter, Richard Whiting, Iain Gibson, County Councillor Guy McGregor, District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries and 30 parishioners.

#### **Minutes from 2016 Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 14 April 2016**

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; which detailed superfast Broadband provision in the village. Low Street had been provided with a green box – and one should be installed in Green Street later during 2017. An additional post had been mounted on Green Street. A traffic calming scheme was to be built on Green Street to slow traffic coming from the east. Cllr O'Connor reported on the donations the Parish Council had given to village organisations. Cllr O'Connor thanked the Street Caretaker, the Phone Kiosk organiser, the retiring Village Voice editor, Mr John Langley, the outgoing Parish Council representatives on the Maynard Trust, the Parish Councillors and the Clerk. A copy of the full 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.

##### **St Peter and St Paul Parochial Church Council**

Councillor McGregor, in the absence of Mr Brian Chester, also gave a report provided by the Parochial Church Council. A question was asked about the reserves and deficit of the PCC's budget. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

**Mid Suffolk District Council – District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries** gave her report of the work of the District Council during the last year. 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 in its 10<sup>th</sup> and had been going through a period of transition. The Festival would be holding a 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary concert in St Edmund's Hall in May. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

##### **2010 Parish Plan Review Group**

Mr Stephen Nixon gave a report of the work that the Group had done to date in reviewing the plan and looking at questions which would be relevant to ask again in 2017. The Group were exploring ways to gather opinions and information and encouraged volunteers to come forward. A discussion took place on the benefits of Parish Planning and Neighbourhood Planning and the Clerk explained the legal weight a Neighbourhood Plan would have in relation to housing development in the village. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

**1<sup>st</sup> Fressingfield Scout Group** – Mrs Sharon Knights read a report provided by Group Scout Leader Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

**Hoxne Garden Club** – A report provided was read by the Clerk. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

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

##### **Hoxne Playingfield Association**

Mrs Carol Smith, a member of Hoxne Playingfield Committee gave a report which confirmed the success of the play equipment and how committee members had been trained in safety inspections for the equipment.

The summer cafe had been a success during the summer holidays and other fundraising activities included plant sales, the clay shoot, the Harvest Breakfast and the Christmas Tree sales which were a first for 2016. 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 and made available for parishioners to view after the meeting. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

**Telephone Kiosk Library**

Mr Colin Ablitt gave a report on the operation of the library. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

**The Maynard Trust**

Mr John Bourne gave a report, as the outgoing Parish Council appointed representative on the Trust. 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**

Mr John Langley, Village Hall Chairman, gave a report. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

**St Edmund's Primary School**

Jo Jacobs, the new Academy Headteacher of the primary school had provided a report which was read in her absence. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

**Village Voice Magazine**

Richard Whiting gave a report on behalf of the Village Voice. Mr Whiting is the new editor and displayed a copy of the new look Village Voice. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

**Village Voices**

A report was ready by Janet Koralambe who runs the community choir in the village. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

**Hoxne Bowls Club**

Mr Roger Knights gave a report on behalf of the bowls club who had enjoyed a successful year. The Club would reach its centenary year in 2019 and celebrations were being planned. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

There were no questions.

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 ..... **2018**