

HOXNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Hoxne held at St Edmund's Village Hall, Hoxne on Friday 20 April 2018 at 7.30pm under the Chairmanship of Councillor Edward O'Connor

Present: Edward O'Connor (Chair), Sarah Foote (Clerk), Parish Councillors Mick Procner, Iain Gibson, Simon Wilby, County Councillor Guy McGregor, and 17 parishioners.

Minutes from 2017 Annual Parish Meeting – Friday 28 April 2017

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.

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. The County Council element of the council tax was being increased after many years. The Fire and Rescue service remains the most efficient in the county and the Care UK Home at Hartismere remained a credit to county. Roundabouts to be installed on the A140 close to Eye. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Mid Suffolk District Council – District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries - not present.

2010 Parish Plan Review Group - The work of the Group had been completed.

1st Fressingfield Scout Group

Scout Leader Michael Knights delivered a report on behalf of the Group Scout Leader. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Friends of St Peter and St Paul Church

A report was read by Mrs Cathy McGregor. 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 the Parish Council. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Hoxne Music Festival Committee – no report available. Parishioners were encouraged to visit the Hoxne Music Festival website.

Hoxne Playingfield Association – no report available.

Hoxne Village Recorder – a report was supplied and read by the Parish Council. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Telephone Kiosk – a report was supplied and read by the Parish Council. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

The Maynard Trust – a report was read by the Trust's Secretary. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

The Phoenix Group – a report was read by Mrs Vivienne Bradford. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

St Edmund's Hall – a report was delivered by the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. The Hall continues to be very successful; with a capacity to provide facilities to village and other organisations. Income is split via hall hire and bar income with the bar generating approximately 33% of the income. Mr Dixon spoke of the challenges of heating the main hall whilst keeping the historic feel of the roof. The Committee had provided a new noticeboard in the car park, added a dishwasher and reviewed the hearing loop. An upgrade of the bar was in progress.

St Edmund's Primary School (Consortium Academy)

Susie Collins, the Academy Headteacher of the primary school had provided a report which was read by the Parish Council in her absence. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

St Peter and St Paul Parochial Church Council

Mr Brian Chester read a report as Chairman of the Parochial Church Council. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk. Mr and Mrs Chester would be leaving the village this year and they were thanked for their many contributions to village life.

The Village Voice Magazine

Richard Whiting gave a report on behalf of the Village Voice. The magazine had now been provided in full colour for a full year. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Village Voices

A report was ready by Jenny Knight secretary of the community choir in the village. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Mr Philip Flagg thanked all the village for their support for Next Stop Simmi (Greek refugee camps). They were now registered as a national charity with support from across the country.

There were no questions.

The Chairman explained it was not a Parish Council meeting but a village meeting and how he was disappointed that so many people had not attended to deliver their reports. Thought would be given to how this could be improved in the future.

The meeting closed at 20.42

Signed **Edward O'Connor, Chairman.**

Date **2019**