

# HOXNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Hoxne  
held at St Edmund's Village Hall, Hoxne on Friday 26 April 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Sarah Foote (Clerk), Chris Parkin (Chairperson of the Parish Council) and 38 parishioners.

Before the meeting, a showcase of village organisations and activities was held in the main hall. This attracted a great deal of interest and all organisation who had attended were thanked for giving their time to remind the people of Hoxne what their village had to offer.

The minutes of the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting (Thursday 9 March) were approved by those present.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Hoxne Parish Council – Chairman's report**

The Chairman, Councillor Chris Parkin, read the 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. The Chairman thanked the councillors and the Clerk for her work for the Parish Council.

**Mid Suffolk District Council – District Councillor Matthew Hicks** – A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

**Suffolk County Council – in the absence of County Councillor Peter Gould, the report was delivered by the Leader of the Council Matthew Hicks** – A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk. Cllr Hicks was asked questions about arts funding and health scrutiny. Further questions were asked about flooding and when Hoxne would have its Section 19 statutory examination and if this would include consultation with the Internal Drainage Board. Cllr Hicks committed to providing the results of the surveys of the experimental traffic regulation order in Eye by 2 May 2024.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Fressingfield Scout Group**

Mr Michael Knights, Assistant Group Scout Leader, delivered his report. A written summary of the report of the activity of the group during the last year is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

### **Hoxne Bowls Club**

The report from this organisation was delivered by Graham Turner. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

### **Hoxne Garden and Social Club**

A report provided was read by Jeanette Lerwill, Chairperson of the Garden and Social Club. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

### **Hoxne Heritage Group**

A report from this organisation was read by Chris Parkin. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

**Hoxne Playingfield Association** – A report was delivered by Emily Bower. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

**Hoxne Shop and Post Office Group** – the project had been working for over a year now with a view to purchasing the shop and post office for the village. A survey had shown over 98% of residents wanted to save to facility. A fully costed business plan was now in place. [www.hoxnecommunityshop.co.uk](http://www.hoxnecommunityshop.co.uk) was the address for the new website for find out more.

**Hoxne Church** – reports delivered included the following matters. A copy of the reports are attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Youth projects - Little Lambs Baby and Toddler Group meets once a month. Messy Church is also a monthly activity around a bible story. Youth café being held at the pavilion monthly for teenagers.

Members of the church had returned to visiting the Depperhaugh Care Home.

Details were given of regular services and building work which had seen completion of lavatory block.

**The Maynard Trust** – a report was read by Trustee Richard Griffin. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

**The Phoenix Group** – a report was read by Mrs 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 Stephen Nixon, Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk. A discussion took place around whether the Hall Film Nights and if sub-titles should be used.

**Village Voices Community Choir**

A report was read by Janet Koralambe. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

There were no questions or additional matters raised. The meeting chairman reminded all parishioners that all Parish Council meetings were open to all to attend.

The meeting closed at 20:47.

Signed .....  ..... Chairman.

Date ..... 1.5.25 ..... 2025