

HOXNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Hoxne held at St Edmund's Village Hall, Hoxne on Thursday 10 March 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Sarah Foote (Clerk), Kath Farthing (Chairperson of the Parish Council) and 52 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.

Minutes from 2020 Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 12 March 2020. Noting there was no meeting in 2021.

The minutes were read and accepted by the meeting.

REPORTS:

Hoxne Parish Council – Chairman's report

The Clerk 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 former Parish Councillor and Council Chairman, Edward O'Connor for his many years of service. During the last year Mr O'Connor and Paula Tebbs and Juliette Easey had resigned from the Council and new members were Philip Flagg, Jo Chimes and Chris Parkin. All former members were thanked for their work and all current councillors for their ongoing contributions.

Suffolk County Council – County Councillor Peter Gould was not available and had provided his apologies. No report had been provided.

Mid Suffolk District Council – District Councillor Matthew Hicks – was not available and had provided his apologies. No report had been provided.

Hoxne Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Chairman of the Hoxne NDP Working Group, Parish Councillor Rob Marsh-Fieley presented to the meeting the progress on the Neighbourhood Development Plan and how referendum was hoped to take place later this year.

1st Fressingfield Scout Group

Mrs Sharon Knights delivered a report on behalf of the Assistant Group Scout Leader. A written summary of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Friends of St Peter and St Paul Church

The remit of the Friends is to raise funds for the church. The pandemic had restricted fundraising which was needed for new toilet facilities at church. The late Mrs Margaret Brawn was remembered and years of contribution to the Friends was noted.

Hoxne Bell Ringers

The report from this organisation was delivered by Andrew Castleden who reported the group were currently ringing bells at Oakley. It was hoped that a charitable trust would be providing a set of eight bells to Hoxne Church. A copy of the report 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. Long serving club members the late Mr Phil Golding and Mr David Lockley had passed away were acknowledged and remembered in the report. Thanks was expressed to Maurice Hurry who had stood down from many years of green keeping and maintenance.

Hoxne Garden Club

A report provided was read by the Chairman, Chris Parkin, of the Garden 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 delivered by Richard Giffin. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

Hoxne Playingfield Association – no report was provided.

The Maynard Trust – a report was read by Trustee Amanda Jones. 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, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

St Edmund's Primary School (Consortium Academy)

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

St Peter and St Paul with St Edmund Parochial Church Council

Guy McGregor delivered a report on behalf of the PCC. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk.

The Village Voice Magazine

No report.

Village Voices Community Choir

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

Mr Guy McGregor asked for an update from the Environment Agency on the repairs to the foot bridge over the weir.

There were no questions or additional matters raised.

Village Recorder – Dr Margaret Sillis, who had undertaken the role for several years on behalf of the Suffolk Local History Council (Suffolk Records Office), wished to stand down and a volunteer was sort to carry on with this role.

The meeting closed at 21.00

Signed Chairman.

Date 2023