



# Fakenham Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall,  
Committee Room at 7:30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. R Johnston  
Cllr. D Reay  
Cllr. M Rozier

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs J O'Brien (*Clerk*)  
Borough Councillor Paula Wade  
[REDACTED] (*RFO*)  
Mr E Wortley

**FMPC31/15 OPENING AND NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN**

Cllr. Johnston proposed Cllr. A Jones to remain as Chairman seconded Cllr. Rozier.  
Cllr. Jones had sent apologies but had indicated he would accept if nominated.

**FMPC32/15 APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from Cllr. A Jones, County Cllr. J Spicer, Suffolk Police

**FMPC33/15 NOMINATIONS OF OTHER COUNCIL OFFICERS**

It was proposed by Cllr. Johnston that [REDACTED] remain the RFO, seconded by  
Cllr. Rozier, accepted. Cllr. Reay proposed that Cllr. Johnson should remain Vice-  
Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Rozier, accepted.

**FMPC34/15 APPOINT MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr. Rozier proposed the Cllr. Reay should continue as representative at the Barnham  
Village Hall committee meetings, seconded by Cllr. Johnston.

**FMPC35/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 had already been approved and signed  
at the meeting of the Council on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.

**FMPC36/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGM**

There had been no matters arising.

**FMPC37/15 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman – Cllr Adam Jones had sent a report, this was read to the Council by the Clerk.  
Chairman reported that 2014 had been a year of change for the Parish Council, six  
meetings had been held during the year to progress the business of the Council. Two  
Councillors have left during the year, Lloyd and Malcolm, to be replaced by one so far in  
Mark. Chairman wished to thank both Lloyd and Malcolm for their work for the PC over the  
years they acted as councillors. The venue for meetings changed to the new Honington &  
Sapiston Village Hall. Although the school was always comfortable, the Chairman felt this  
move was an improvement, and that it was good to support local amenities such as this.  
There is a lot of unfinished business to attend to this coming year

- The erection of the new noticeboard
- The status of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme
- The repainting of the phone box
- Road repairs and flooding in the parish
- The progress of the Friends of St Peter's Group

Two successful events had been held during the year, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Big  
Tidy Up. Both were well attended and thanks go to all those involved, especially to Malcolm  
and Joan who again, with their loyal band of supporters continue to plan and hold social  
events in the village. Thanks to Dave for his continued attendance at the Barnham Village



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Hall Committee meetings, and Jane for attending Honington Camp Liaison Committee meetings. Thanks also go to Dawn for her continued diligence and hard work as RFO, and to all councillors Ray, Dave and Mark for their support in progressing the business of the Council. Thanks to Edward who has continued to record the village's history as it happens, and has been busy cataloguing many artefacts found in the parish fields. Finally, thanks to Joanna and Paula for their continued support for the welfare of the parish.

## **FMPC38/15 FINANCIAL REPORT**

There is a reserve at the end of the year of £2,829.44 and the accounts for the year were distributed to councillors. Cllr. Rozier proposed acceptance of accounts, seconded by Cllr. Johnston. RFO then read out and completed the Accounting Statement and the Governance Statement, it was then proposed by Cllr. Reay, and seconded by Cllr. Rozier that both be accepted as true record, it was then signed by Cllr. Johnston and Clerk.

## **FMPC39/15 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Thanks to Chairman, members, clerk etc for the welcome and keeping me in touch (especially to Adam and Jane). It has been very helpful working with Paula Wade as your Borough Councillor and I am very pleased she has been re-elected. I hope this will be the year we see some progress on the church re-modelling. County Council remains very committed to retaining essential front line services – despite massive cuts in government grant and we expect more to come. We have made savings of over £100 million in last 4 years. £32million this year and a further £75million to come over next 2 years – HUGE amounts of money and really difficult. SCC has had a council tax freeze for last 5 years and we promise no increase for next 2 years. Schools: education now a top priority and we have been concerned re recent OFSTED inspection of our schools improvement service (too slow) and also unacceptably low rankings in various league tables. In reality we are not getting worse – other local authorities are improving much faster. Statistics can tell any story – good and bad. Honington School continues to do well and new classrooms are in use. Children now stay at the school until the end of Year 6. Middle School at Ixworth has closed and the new Free School opened on the site. Transport is provided to both Thurston Community College and to Ixworth Free School. Waste – very pleased incinerator (energy from waste facility) now open – will mean no more waste to landfill, energy for growing veg and a saving per annum of £8 million. We will need a new transfer station in BSE which may be one or two possible locations (subject to future planning applications). Roads: biggest concern to public and parish councils. Contract now with Keir May Gurney – many of our staff have transferred to them. Problems of potholes worse than ever after flooding – but working through backlog – also re-surfacing programme. There will also be further resurfacing of the A1088 this summer (this will mean road closures). I have tried to establish effective communications and action with Euston Estate about damage to local roads. Adult care biggest pressure and responsibility – as well as important investment in child protection (700 children in care). I sit on county fostering and adoption panels which I now do 2-3 days a month. Libraries have now been run for nearly 3 years by IPS. No cuts to bus services this year – but we will have to look at school transport before too long.

## **FMPC40/15 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Borough Cllr. Paula Wade wished to thank the Council for its interesting meetings; it was a pleasure to attend all. The Borough Council have got some difficult decisions to make in the coming year and Vision 2031 would be a priority. It was a good year and she looks forward



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to forwarding the parish in the future.

## **FMPC41/15 POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS REPORT**

A report was read out by the Clerk. The same number of crimes as previous year, four, were recorded this year – 2 x theft other, 1 x commit wildlife offence, and 1 x pervert the course of justice (linked to previous). There had been enquiries and operations relating to a recent series of burglaries across the region which have produced a number of positive results – three males arrested and charged with offences, and a further arrest made.

## **FMPC42/15 LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER'S REPORT**

Edward Wortley reported that the oldest resident of the village is now Mrs Joan Tunney who is 91 years old. Reported on exploratory moves being looked at in relation to get funding for the extensive repairs need in the Church, and that Rev Liz Jump had left the Blackbourne Group and is now installed as vicar of Wroxham, she will not be replaced, and it is expected Honington Rectory will be sold. A full copy of this report is attached to these Minutes.

## **FMPC43/15 Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Johnston reported that the Church Quinquennial report shows lots of money needed to bring the Church in line with Health & Safety before other projects can progress, but that the St Peter's Group would look to see if it can help in any way with fund raising to cover costs.

Cllr. Reay had attended the Barnham Village Hall Committee meetings during the year and found them to be interesting and he had gathered lots of information from them.

## **FMPC44/15 DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This was agreed for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall, Committee Room, commencing at 07:30pm

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:



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