



Fakenham Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall,
Committee Room at 7:00pm on Tuesday 16th May, 2017

PRESENT:

Cllr. A Jones
Cllr. D Reay
Cllr. M Rozier
Cllr. P Morgan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs J O'Brien (*Clerk*)

Mr E Wortley
County Cllr. J Spicer
Borough Cllr. A Smith

FMPC30/17 OPENING AND NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Reay proposed Cllr. A Jones to remain as Chairman seconded Cllr. Rozier. Cllr. Jones accepted, and duly signed Declaration of Acceptance.

FMPC31/17 APOLOGIES:

There were none received.

FMPC32/17 NOMINATIONS OF OTHER COUNCIL OFFICERS

Cllr. Jones proposed that Cllr. Johnston should remain Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Rozier, accepted.

Cllr. Jones proposed [REDACTED], seconded by Cllr. Reay.

FMPC34/17 APPOINT MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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

FMPC35/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May, 2016 had already been approved and signed at the meeting of the Council on 5th July, 2016.

FMPC36/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGM

There had been no matters arising.

FMPC37/17 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman reported that 2016 had seen six meetings held during the year to progress the business of the Council. No changes to personnel, although we welcomed Andrew Smith as our new Borough Councillor.

A number of projects have been completed:

- Arrival of grit for new grit bins.
- Erection of Footpath sign.
- Standing Orders and Code of Conduct published.

Other projects that have occurred in the Parish

- Removal of Redwood, cutting of yews in churchyard and removal of bird dung from tower.
- Removal of brown bin service.
- Superfast Broadband available
- Complete disappearance of the police from our meetings.

We have unfinished business to attend to this coming year:

- The status of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme
- State of footpath pavements



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No events had been held during the year.

Thanks to Dave for his continued attendance at the Barnham Village Hall Committee meetings, and Jane for attending Honington Camp Liaison Committee meetings.

He thanked Jane for her continued works and [REDACTED].

Thanks to all councillors Ray, Dave, Mark, and Pete 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 Andrew for their continued support for the welfare of the parish.

FMPC33/17 FINANCIAL REPORT

RFO presented the accounts, copy attached.

Cllr. Rozier proposed acceptance of accounts, seconded by Cllr. Morgan. RFO then read out and completed the Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement, it was then proposed by Cllr. Morgan, and seconded by Cllr. Reay that the Governance Statement be approved and Cllr. Jones then proposed the Accounting Statement also be approved as true and correct, seconded by Cllr. Morgan.

FMPC38/17 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Thanks to Chairman, members, clerk etc. for the welcome and keeping me in touch – both at meetings and when needed in between meetings.

FMPC39/17 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Borough Cllr. Smith reported he was elected to this post at the end of October 2016, and is currently serving as vice-chair to Bardwell PC, as well as serving on various other groups in Bardwell. During the past year, Matthew Hancock (Minister of State for Digital and Culture, Media and Sport) had accepted an invitation to come and discuss the issues around Broadband in the area. The Bury St Edmunds Masterplan, a project intended to shape the future of the town centre is moving forward with the consultation closing in April with over 1,000 responses received. A visit to the SCC Energy from Waste and Materials Recovery Facilities at Great Blakenham was arranged on 18th April, 2017 with six Parish Councils being represented. Many questions about reasons for collecting or not collecting certain products (from textiles to brown bins) were answered. (Full report attached to these Minutes)

FMPC40/17 POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS REPORT

The usual yearly report was unavailable.

FMPC41/17 LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER'S REPORT

Edward Wortley reported that the oldest resident of the village is still Mrs Joan Tunney who is 93 years old. No baptisms or weddings were held in the church during the year, but one funeral had been. A good start had been made on the long-standing repairs needed at the Church with one tree removed, yew trees trimmed back and the cleaning out of the tower, and repairing and covering of the bell louvres with wire mesh to stop any further bird infestations. The windows have also been professionally cleaned and repaired as needed. Two pre-WW1 postcards had been found, they are thought to be dated circa 1910. Historical research into former farming methods and types of crops grown have produced some very interesting facts. The restoration of Euston Hall is almost complete and the house and gardens should be open to the public again during the summer. 2016 saw celebrations of the 300th anniversary of the work of Lancelot Capability Brown who carried out work for the 3rd Duke of Grafton between 1767 and 1783. Edward gave his sincere thanks to Fakenham



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Magna Parish Council for all its help and support along with kind individuals who have contributed to the Parish history files.

A full copy of this report is attached to these Minutes.

FMPC42/17 Any other Business

There was no other business.

FMPC43/17 DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was agreed for Tuesday 15th May 2018 at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall, Committee Room, commencing at 07:00pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: