



Fakenham Magna Parish Council

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall,
Committee Room at 7:00pm on Tuesday 8th May, 2018

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

FMPC29/18 OPENING AND NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN

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

FMPC30/18 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr. Johnston and Borough Cllr. Smith.

FMPC31/18 NOMINATIONS OF OTHER COUNCIL OFFICERS

Cllr. Reay proposed that Cllr. Johnston should remain Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Morgan.

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

FMPC32/18 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.

FMPC33/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May, 2017 had already been approved and signed at the meeting of the Council on 11th July, 2017.

FMPC34/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGM

There had been no matters arising.

FMPC35/18 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman reported that there had been had seen six meetings held during the year to progress the business of the Council. No changes to personnel.

A visit from an engineer to look at the state of the pavements had occurred, but not received any real assistance from him before he moved to another role. The Council awaits a meeting with new engineer.

We held a successful litter pick in March.

We continue to be represented at other committee meetings – thanks to Dave for continuing to attend the Barnham Village Hall Committee duties and Jane for attending Honington Camp Liaison Committee meetings.

I'd like to thank Jane for her seamless organisation and recording of the meetings, and her work to progress the various efforts of the Council.

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 indeed for being a part of the village history! May he continue to create that history for many years to come.



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Thanks to Joanna and Andrew for their continued support for the welfare of the village. I feel we will need their help more in the future as budgets and resources become tighter at both Borough and County levels.

FMPC36/18 FINANCIAL REPORT

RFO presented the accounts, copy attached.

Cllr. Morgan proposed acceptance of accounts, seconded by Cllr. Reay.

RFO then reported on the changes to Auditing regulations, following this Cllr. Jones proposed that the Parish Council wishes to certify themselves as exempt from a Limited Assurance review under sec. 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Reg 2015, seconded by Cllr. Rozier. The RFO next read out, explained, and completed the Governance Statement, it was then proposed by Cllr. Reay to approve this statement, seconded by Cllr. Morgan. The RFO went through and explained the Accounting Statement, Cllr. Jones then proposed the Accounting Statement also be approved as true and correct, seconded by Cllr. Rozier.

FMPC37/18 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

I would like to thank Adam Jones and all the Parish Councillors very much for their welcome to me at meetings. Over the last year I have had many opportunities to work with Andrew Smith, your Borough Councillor, on matters relating to the 6 villages he represents and am grateful to him for his support and advice. I would also wish to thank your clerk, Jane O'Brien, for keeping me in touch with issues in Fakenham. The year started with County Council elections in early May and I was honoured to again be elected as your County Cllr. The County Council have appointed a new Chief Executive, Nicola Beech who will be in post in June. Unitary councils are again being discussed. The new County Council continues its relentless search for savings with the continuing cuts in grant from the Government, and with reluctance we had to put up the Council Tax this year – first rise in basic rate for seven years. More than £236m savings have been made since 2011. The biggest budget pressures continue to be adult care services and child protection. Highways – the contract held with Keir is considered to be working better now but it seems very cumbersome and clunky to get responses. Specifically, in Fakenham Magna we have had the frustration of what seemed like a very helpful highways site visit in September covering a range of issues in the village – since when I have struggled on your behalf to get some action with no success. I was pleased to be able to make a grant of £350 towards the upgrade of the VAS signs. There have been two important SCC consultations recently – to ascertain the use of mobile library service and to consider changes to how school transport is provided – I will continue to report on both of these at regular PC meetings. Barnham and Honington Primary schools continue to be rated “good” by OFSTED (A full copy of the report is attached to these Minutes in hard copy format).

FMPC38/18 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Borough Cllr. Smith reported that in May 2019, subject to expected Parliamentary approval, we'll all be voting to elect ward members of a “New Single Council” formed by the merger of St Edmundsbury Borough Council, and Forest Heath District Council. A move that it is estimated will save around £800k a year.

On conclusion of its formal consultation, the LGBCE will publish its final determination on the ward structure for the “New Single Council” elections.

The West Suffolk Operational Hub was granted planning consent in late 2017. It is a partnership project that will combine the facilities needed for waste and street services, on the Hollow Road site near to Bury St Edmunds. The partner councils



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are those involved in collecting waste, Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council, and disposing of it, Suffolk County Council. On becoming a fully functional operational facility in August 2019, the "New Single Council" will vacate its depots at Holborn Avenue in Mildenhall and Olding Road in Bury St Edmunds and relocate to a single site shared with a new SCC waste transfer station, and a new Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) relocating from the existing facility at Rougham Hill, on the edge of Bury St Edmunds. The project does not include the closure or relocation of the existing SEBC depot in Haverhill nor the closure / relocation of any other HWRCs. (A full copy of this report is attached to these Minutes)

FMPC39/18 POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS REPORT

The usual yearly report was unavailable.

FMPC40/18 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr. Reay reported that the Barnham Village Hall Committee had held various events over the year including Daffodil Teas, a Car Rally, and an Indian night.

FMPC41/18 LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER'S REPORT

Edward Wortley had no full report to give.

FMPC42/18 Any other Business

There was no other business.

FMPC43/18 DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was arranged for Tuesday 10th May 2019 at Honington & Sapiston Village Hall, Committee Room, commencing at 07:30pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: