



HENSTEAD WITH HULVER STREET  
PARISH COUNCIL



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Henstead with Hulver Street**  
held at Hulver Village Hall, Hulver  
on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
Commencing at 7.30pm

**1/APM/16 Welcome**

The Chairman Cllr Snudden welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2/APM/16 Present**

Chairman Cllr Snudden, and 42 Residents, Parish Councillors and Councillors whose names are recorded on the attendance register attached.

**3/APM/16 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Armstrong, George and Ngiao Malcolm

**4/APM/16 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015** The minutes of the annual parish meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 having been previously circulated were taken as read by the Chairman. The minutes were approved by the meeting as a true record and signed by the Chairman Cllr Snudden

**5/APM/16 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

**6/APM/16 Parish Accounts**

Copies of the draft parish accounts for 2015/2016 were distributed. The clerk gave a short explanation of the accounts and reported that the expenses for the year were in line with the budget prediction. Income exceeded expenditure this year and this has improved the Council's reserves. There were no questions from those attending.

**7/APM/16 Branden Trust Report**

The Clerk read a report from the Branden Trust. The Trust has two parcels of land approx 15 acres which are rented out and the income is distributed between the retired families of Henstead and Rushmere. £1150 was distributed during 2015/16 and there is a balance of £127.91.

**8/APM/16 Hulver Village Hall Report.**

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee John Armstrong said that issue of custodial trustees was still being resolved. The village hall is financially sound in that the hire charges that the clubs and groups using it provide sufficient income to pay the costs of running the hall. A plea for residents to consider joining the committee

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was made. The Chairman also asked for ideas to get more residents to come to activities. Encouraging greater community spirit and connections is a priority and the village hall should play a big part in that. A question was asked by Mr G Betts about the AGM for the village hall and that one had not been held for two years which means the hall does not have a committee. The Chairman acknowledges that an AGM had not been held but that this was because of the issue of trustees and that it is proving difficult to attract new committee members. The Committee remains in office until such time as it is replaced so there is no question that the hall does not have a committee.

#### **9/APM/16 Chairman's Report**

Cllr Nigel Snudden's report was given by the Clerk.

#### **10/APM/16 The Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman Cllr Snudden introduced the main business of the meeting, 'Should Henstead with Hulver Street have a neighbourhood plan'.

The clerk gave a presentation on the advantages and disadvantages of a neighbourhood plan, how the plan should be developed, who will be involved in producing the plan. The team would consist of parish councillors, residents and others, supported by the district council. A grant is available to meet the costs of the plan. The key element of the process is consultation with the residents, the draft of the plan will come from the information gathered in the consultation. The draft has to be independently examined and then a referendum of residents to approve the plan. Following a lengthy discussion the Chairman asked for a show of hands for the development of a neighbourhood plan for Henstead with Hulver Street. The vote was virtually unanimous with only 1 vote against.

#### **11/APM/16 Questions and comments from the Public**

There were no further comments or questions from the residents.

**Cllr Snudded thanked the residents for their attendance and contribution and declared the meeting closed.**

**Meeting Closed at 9pm.**

Signed:- Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_