



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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
Commencing at 7.00pm

**1/APM/15 Welcome**

The Chairman Cllr Loftus welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2/APM/15 Present**

Rev J Loftus Cllr D. Glanfield, Cllr. Ms A Belcher, Cllr Hadingham, Cllr Armstrong (vice chairman), Cllr Mrs P Block, Cllr D HAdingham, Cllr B Horwood, SCC Cllr M Ladd, the Clerk, J. Armstrong, Mrs C Glanfield, Rev J Loftus, Ms F McGuire, Mrs M Mummery, Ms S Byrett,

**3/APM/15 Apologies for absence**

None

**4/APM/15 Speaker**

The Clerk introduced Mr John Clouting, Fire Prevention Officer from Suffolk Fire Service who gave a very informative and thought provoking talk of fire safety in the home, including preventative measures that householders should take and what actions to take in the event of a fire. Mr Clouting answered a variety of questions.

The clerk thanked Mr Clouting on behalf of those present.

**5/APM/15 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014** The minutes of the annual parish meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 having been previously circulated were taken as read by the Vice-Chairman. The minutes were approved by the meeting as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman Cllr Armstrong.

**6/APM/15 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

**7/APM/15 Parish Accounts**

Copies of the draft parish accounts for 2014/2015 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. Expenditure had exceeded income due to the purchase of the speed sign but much of this would be offset by the contribution from Cllr Ladd's locality budget and the reclaiming of VAT. The clerk also reported that reserves were improving. There were questions from those attending.

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

**8/APM/15 Branden Trust Report**

There was no report from the Branden Trust. (The clerk will obtain a written report to attach to these minutes.)

**9/APM/15 Hulver Village Hall Report.**

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee John Armstrong said that the village hall committee were in the process of dealing with a serious issue in that all the custodial trustees were deceased and the committee is seeking advice as to how to resolve this issue. The financial situation is sound with the fees from hires covered the expenses. The committee had secured a grant to surface the car park from Viridor Credits and was intending to carry out more improvements in the near future. The committee are also concerned that it is extremely difficult to encourage residents to attend events that the committee organise and he asked for suggestions from those present as to address this situation..

**10/APM/1 Chairman's Report**

Rev Loftus Chairman 2014/15 outlined the business undertaken by the council during the year. The council had met nine times during the year. It had considered several planning applications including change of use from agricultural to equestrian use at Woodrows Farm, the building of a new crematorium at Ellough an extension to Elm Vue Henstead and a change of use application for the Exotic Garden in Henstead. The purchase and installation of the Vehicle Activated speed sign is nearly complete but has taken a lot longer than we expected because of the paperwork from Suffolk County Council taking longer than expected. Rev Loftus said that council received regular reports and support from our County Councillor Mr M Ladd and out district councillor Dr M Parsons. Rev Loftus thanked Cllr Colin Hadingham who had stepped down from the Council at the election, for his considerable service to the parish. Rev Loftus on behalf of the council thanked the clerk Mr J Armstrong for his excellent and professional manner in which he serves the parish council.

The Vice Chairman Mr J C Armstrong thanked Rev Loftus for his report and also following his stepping down from the council at the election for his valuable contribution to the council and residents of the parish.

**11/APM/15 Questions.**

There were no questions or comments from those present.

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

**Meeting Closed at 8pm.**