



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 6th May 2014
Commencing at 7.30pm

1/APM/14 Welcome

The Chairman Cllr Loftus welcomed everyone to the meeting

2/APM/14 Present

Cllr Rev J Loftus chairman Cllr D. Glanfield, Cllr. Ms A Belcher, Cllr Hadingham, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Snudden, WDC Cllr Dr M Parsons SCC Cllr M Ladd, the Clerk, J. Armstrong, Mr J Sayer, Mrs C Glanfield, Mr T Archbold, Mr R Attoe.

3/APM/14 Apologies for absence

Mrs L Spillings

4/APM/14 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 13th April 2013 The minutes of the annual parish meeting held on 13th April 2013 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 Loftus.

5/APM/14 Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes

6/APM/14 Parish Accounts

Copies of the draft parish accounts for 2013/2014 were distributed. The clerk gave a short explanation of the accounts and reported that the precept for 2014 had been increased to provide the necessary funds for the purchase of a Vehicle Activated Speed sign. The clerk explained that costs for the year were in line with those of last year and that reserves for the year had improved as a result. There were questions from those attending.

7/APM/14 Branden Trust Report

Cllr Mrs L. Spillings, was not able to attend the meeting but had sent a report. The clerk read the report. The Trust is responsible for two parcels of land, one of one acre at Rushmere and one of fourteen acres at Henstead. Both are currently rented out and the income is distributed between retired families of the parish and the Churches of Henstead and Rushmere. There was no rent from one parcel of land because the tenant had installed land drainage at his own expense. The trust has funds of £377.91

Signed:- Chairman _____ Clerk _____ Date _____

8/APM/14 Hulver Village Hall Report.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee John Armstrong said that the village hall had held their AGM recently and the committee had been re-elected. The hall was quite well used during the day and had a number of one off hires, finances were sound. The committee are looking at ideas to improve the use of the hall..

9/APM/14 Chairman's Report

Rev Loftus outlined the business undertaken by the council during the year. The council had met eight times during the year. It had considered several planning applications including improvements and an extension to Hall Cottage Henstead, a workshop store at Firs Farm Hulver, a front extension at Crown House hulver and the felling of a tree at By the Crossways. The issue of speeding traffic through the Parish was raised at last year's Annual Parish Meeting. As a result an additional meeting was held to discuss actions that could be taken to address the issue. It was agreed that the council should consider purchasing a Vehicle Activated Speed sign and that the precept for 2014/15 should be increased to provide the funds for the purchase of a VAS sign. The meeting was not in favour of a community speed watch group. Cllr Loftus said that he and the clerk had met with the District Highways Engineer to discuss the outcomes of the public meeting. A covert data collection of traffic speeds was undertaken in Hulver and Henstead which gave details of the actual speed of traffic through the village. The council is waiting for details of the changes to policy from Suffolk County Council. Extension of speed limits and weight restrictions are also being sought by the council. Cllr Loftus said that the precept had been increased for this year. The Council accepted with regret the resignation of Cllr Lesley Spillings who had been a member of the council for many years. Cllr Loftus concluded by thanking the members of the council for their efforts during the year and thanked the clerk for his, often beyond the call of duty, work for the council.

10/APM/14 Questions.

There were no questions or comments from those present.

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

Meeting Closed at 8pm.