

# Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

## Held at Hoton Village Hall on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7:30pm

**In attendance:** Cllr Isbister (Vice Chairman, Hoton Parish Council), Cllr Seymour, Cllr Dennis and Mrs Blain (Parish Clerk.)

### **Agenda Items**

1. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Cassell (Chairman, Hoton Parish Council), Cllr Eady, Borough Cllr Bokor and County Cllr Shepherd.

### 2. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's annual report was read by Cllr Isbister:

This report will in many ways be strikingly similar to last year's – and the previous year's. And indeed the previous year's. And it will be even briefer.

As always, I would like to start with some thanks.

To our county councillor and our borough councillor for their continued support for our efforts to maintain and improve the quality of life in the village, and for placing those efforts in the context of both the wolds and the county.

I'd also like to put on record my appreciation of the work of the Village Hall committee, who play such an important part in giving the village a social life.

Particularly, I'd like to thank my fellow councillors for their work. They are a pleasure to work with, and form an effective team of people who put in the time because they are committed to making the village a better place to live. Normally this report makes reference to the depleted numbers, but I'm glad to say that we are now nearly at our full complement. We benefit from the support of a very efficient and professional Parish Clerk.

Continuing with the thanks, we should acknowledge the contribution made by Vera Williams during her time as councillor.

Our priorities for the past year were:

- to work closely with the Village Hall committee to ensure that the hall continues to be a well-maintained focal point for village life;
- to ensure that the playing field is properly maintained and developed to meet the needs of the village;
- to institute measures to reduce speeding through the village.

We can report progress in all these areas, and they will continue to occupy much of our attention during the coming year.

Last year I referred to the need to "maintain an awareness of the possible implications of the need to build a large number of houses in the area. We will need to develop close liaison with other Wolds councils in this matter." We have now seen the proposals for Cotes, and submitted our views, and will obviously keep the situation under close review.

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**3. Annual Statement of Accounts for 2013-2014 (Unaudited)**

The unaudited statement of accounts was presented.

**4. Questions from Members of the Public**

None.

**The meeting closed at 7:40pm.**

These minutes are a true and accurate record \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Cllr Cassell, Chairman