

# **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting**

## **held at Hoton Village Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 8pm**

**In attendance:** Cllr Cassell (Chairman, Hoton Parish Council), Cllr Isbister (Vice-Chairman, Hoton Parish Council), Cllr Seymour, Cllr Eady, Cllr Landucci, Cllr Gane (from 8:05pm) and Mrs Blain (Parish Clerk).

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Borough Cllr Bokor.

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

The Chairman's annual report given by Cllr Cassell:

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

- To our county councillor and our borough councillor for their continued support and interest, and for their commitment to improving the quality of life not only in this village, but in the wolds and the county.
- To the Village Hall committee, who work so hard to give the village an extraordinarily rich social life for such a small community.
- Particularly, I'd like to thank my fellow councillors for their work. They continue to be a pleasure to work with, forming an effective team who put in time and effort because they are committed to making the village an even better place to live. I am particularly pleased to report that we have acquired a new councillor, who has already made a valuable contribution to our work and to the life of the village. We continue to be very well supported by our professional (in all senses) Parish Clerk.

The three main priorities to which I referred in previous reports were: the continuing development of the playing field; speed reduction measures; and joint working with the Village Hall committee to safeguard and develop the building. Progress has continued in all these areas:

- The playing field has an increasing range of equipment and facilities, while work is proceeding to address both maintenance and development issues.
- The first phases of structural work to the village hall (to which we have made a financial contribution) are complete. We continue to meet with the committee regularly.
- A further phase of speed reduction work has seen dragons' teeth put down on Wymeswold Road.

Otherwise:

- The phone box continues to be popular.
- The renaissance of Stanford Hall accelerates.
- The proposals for the development at Cotes were rejected.
- We have heard nothing from the Caravan Club.
- We have a social media policy and a presence.

And finally I should mention the Neighbourhood Plan. This time last year I reported that a committee had been formed. Work has gone on, in the form of consultation meetings, surveys and working groups. I'm grateful to Cllr Eady for his work here. The process is inevitably slow and I urge people to take an active interest in progress.

8:05pm Cllr Gane arrived.

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### **3. Annual Statement of Accounts for 2015-2016 (Unaudited)**

The unaudited statement of accounts was presented. The end of year bank balance was £11,244.38.

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

None.

**The meeting closed at 8:10pm.**

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

Cllr Cassell, Chairman