

# Earsham Parish Council

## Minutes

Of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Earsham Village Hall  
on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016

1. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Keith Reeve was present and welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was attended by fourteen members of the public including councillors.
2. The Chairman signed the minutes of the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting as a true and correct record. Agreement was proposed by Councillor Hamps and seconded by Councillor Bone.
3. Annual reports and accounts:-

**a) Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council** – The Chairman read out his report which highlighted events and proposals of the last 12 months. These included:-

- Playing Field Lane – this bad condition of the lane has cropped up a few times however this will be addressed as soon as weather allows
- The refurbishment of the village hall which is an ongoing potential project.
- SAM2 – Speed Awareness Machine – This has permission from Highways to be placed in The Street and is already proving to be a deterrent
- Discussions are taking place with the football club, for the grass cutting of the playing field to be taken over by them once they have the equipment needed for the job
- Several complaints were received during this year regarding the overhanging branches from the hedge which is now encroaching onto the footpath – this is being investigated
- The aging stock of streetlights have seen several in need of replacement this year, and the council continues to work to a staggered replacement scheme, replacing the worst/oldest ones first
- Lodge Field – The parish council objected to the initial outline application for using this land for building

A brief overview was given of the unaudited parish accounts which saw the balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 stand at – Parish Council £25,056.67, Playing Field £4,116.83 and the Allotments £1,353.49. (report 3a)

**b) Report from County Councillor Margaret Somerville** – no report had been received.

**c) Report from District Councillor Murray Gray** – apologies had been received from the District Councillor, the Chairman read out his report (report 3c)

**d) Report from the Police** – There was no representative from the police nor a report

**e) Report from Earsham Football Club** – A report had been received from the chairman, Peter Goodfellow who was unfortunately unable to attend. The Chairman of the parish council read out his report

**f) Report from Earsham Bowls Club** – apologies had been received from the Bowls Club, the Chairman read out their report

**g) Report from Mettingham Football Club** – Keith Penn read out the report on behalf of the club and gave a verbal Treasurers report of their accounts Keith also informed those present that he had been awarded a medal from the National FA for 50 years service to football. The nomination was from Graham Mickleborough

**h) Report from Earsham Trust** – There was no representative from the Trust nor a report

**i) Report from the Village Hall Management Committee** – There was no representative from the Management Committee nor a report

**j) Report from the River Waveney Trust** – There was no representative from the River Waveney Trust nor a report

**k) Report from 1<sup>st</sup> Earsham Scout Group** – There was no representative from the Scout Group. The chairman of the parish council read out their report

**l) Report from Earsham Village Magazine** – There was no representative from the Parish Magazine nor a report

**m) Report from the Parochial Church Council** – There was no representative from the Church Council nor a report

**n) Report from Earsham Primary School** – Apologies have been received from the Primary School, the Chairman read out their report

**o) Report from Earsham Festival Committee** – A brief report was read out by a representative from the Festival Committee

**p) Report from Earsham Playground Committee** – There was no representative from the Playground Committee nor a report

**4. Parishioner's Forum** – No discussion

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm

**\*\* All reports are available for viewing by request to the clerk**

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